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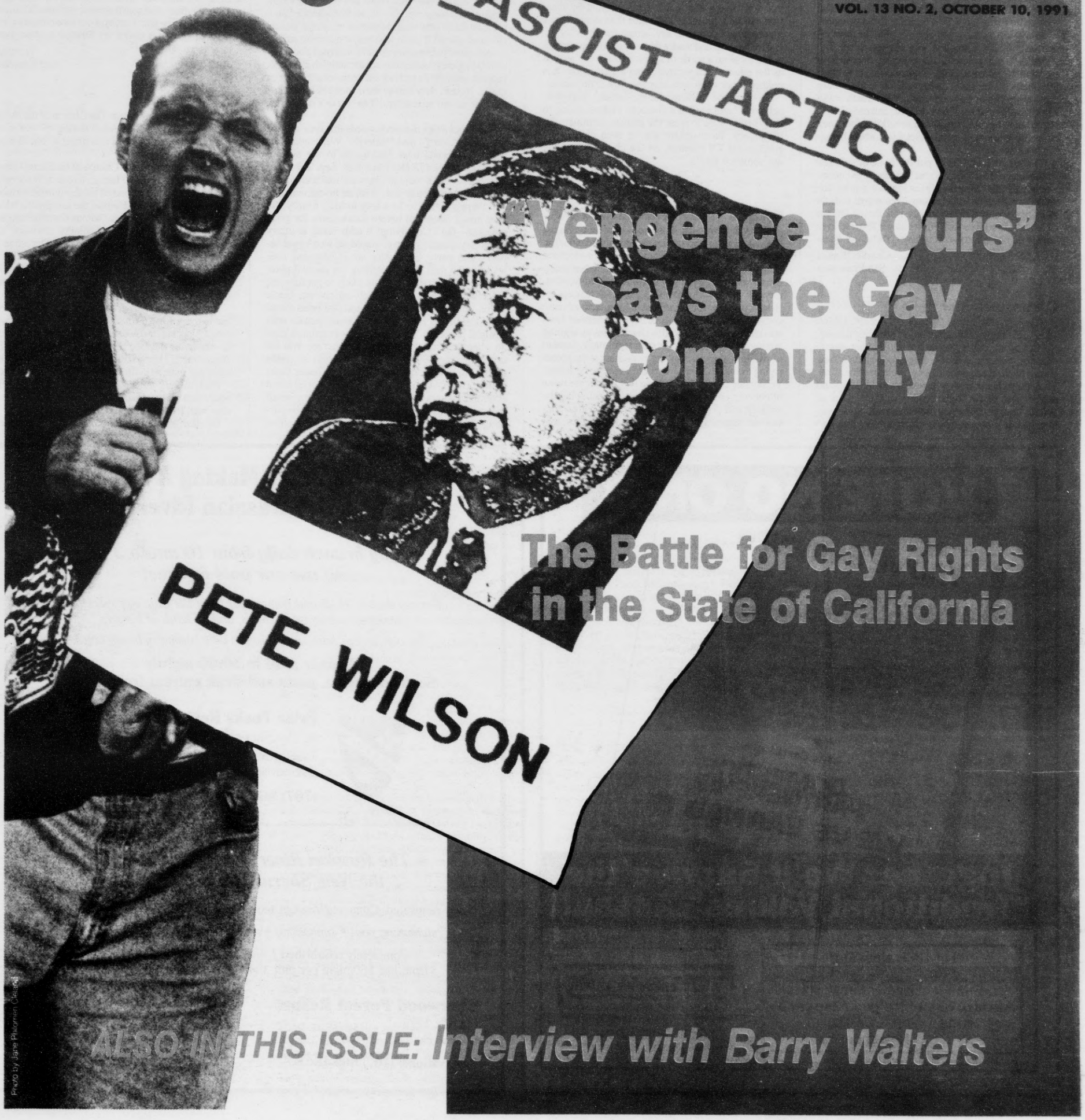

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LETTERS

Sex Club Debate

To help clarify the sex club debate, let's separate the issue of whether sex clubs should exist at all from whether they should be up to fire code and promote the practice of healthy sex. As it *appears* now, the clubs were closed because of political expediency, using code violations as an excuse. The question I would ask our leaders and would-be leaders is, "Do you support the existence of sex clubs in principle?" and "If yes, under what conditions?"

I personally think they should exist, but they should also be physically safe and up to code. The recent fire in the New York night club (unlicensed, I believe) killing 40 or so people is only the most recent example of a frequent occurrence.

This whole issue coming around again points up the short-sightedness in the original decision to close the baths. The baths were up to code, were reasonably clean, and one could even stretch out in a horizontal position if one desired, instead of having to stand up. As long as we're talking about sex clubs (up to code, of course), let's talk about bringing back the baths.

Finally, I would like to put the issue of safe sex in the context of suicide and suicide prevention. Knowingly practicing unsafe sex is either a death flirtation or a death wish. Are our lives worth so little to us that we would knowingly risk them? Do we have so little to live for? How can we learn to love ourselves enough to want to live? These are questions we might ask.

Charlie Hinton
San Francisco

Curbing Behavior

Regarding the recent "sex club" debate, I think a few alarmingly elementary points are being missed.

First of all, some people are still having unsafe sex. For whatever reasons, despite education efforts and so forth, these people opt to walk the finer line. They do so because they have chosen to do so and not because of the Night Gallery or the Church of Whatever or because they ran into a wolf on the way to grandma's house. These places are not going to lure responsible safe sex practicers into the eternal black.

We are not in the era of the bathhouse where AIDS has crept up on us in our sleep.

Another point misrepresented is that unsafe sex does not ABOUND in these places; it simply happens to occur, as it does elsewhere and everywhere.

For many, a slip-up is more easily avoided in a public place where condoms are handy and the presence of other people for many is a deterrent from anal sex altogether. If you go to someone's home, you don't know what you bargain for, and the situation can be a lot more awkward than one of these places where one can, say, simply walk away.

Fire hazards and sticky floors are a smokescreen, not to mention a waste of space, in this letter as well as the other pieces written about the situation. It is neither at nor anywhere near the crux of the matter.

To me the "eliminate-the-outlet, curb-the-behavior" attitude has a distinctly Helmsian ring to it. Whether it be to wear the helmet, terminate the pregnancy, have unsafe sex or even change the goddamned TV channel, let the choice be ours—not someone else's.

Lorenzo Lombard
San Francisco

Fascism Today; What Tommorrow?

Every few months or so some basically fascist scandal occurs in this predominantly liberal city. The latest, we've all heard by now, is the pre-electoral closing of the sex clubs. Really just another move by players wishing to score points in a political lottery. It is unfortunate that some demagogues' strategic maneuvering will have long-term adverse consequences for so many of us. Orchestrated from outside our community, this charade has us arguing amongst ourselves as to its own legitimacy. Instead of whole-scale rejection, we're picking at the pieces trying to find truth where there is none to be found. To say that the motives behind this assault are those of concern is frighteningly similar to believing the feminist anti-porn movement did not provide a convenient bandwagon for the fundi-crusades that followed.

The bathhouse controversy didn't make much sense when it was happening and time hasn't changed that. From the outside glancing in, it looked like a lot of hysterical heteros dictating to a bunch of sell-out queers, feeding off the latter's fears of infection to pursue their own puritanical goals. Not being male of the gay persuasion, there didn't seem to be much reason to do or say a thing. After all, it didn't affect me. Yet I couldn't help wondering why all these homos were going to stand by and let it happen. Sure, there's AIDS, just like there are cars and earthquakes. Is it simplistic to believe that educated people can make educated decisions or is that just an educated guess? If those who perpetrate these attacks on our queer community are so concerned about our well-being they would attempt to establish a positive rapport and maybe provide an occasional rubber or glove. Instead they betray their motives by declaring war on our sexualities. Yes, there's more than one.

So, it looks like the catch words this time around are "fire hazard" and "safety." Well, when the patriarchy bends over backwards to the tune of $10,000 a week (*SF Bay Guardian*, Sep. 25) out of concern for little-ole-me, I become understandably wary—and so should you. With an investment like that there's bound to be a trap lurking nearby. So they bust a couple of hetero dance clubs for good measure—fair? Conniving! It adds insult to injury when they assume we're so stupid we won't read between the party lines. Not so evenhanded axe-wielding on their part is nothing but shrewd planning. In this way they're more likely to get support; especially from our own well-entrenched Uncle Toms, so eager to please the hand that beats them.

Codes, in this case, are convenient excuses with vestigial purposes. They work the way redneck cops do when they pull your clean and sober ass over for drunk driving. Funny how a city with so many scumlords and sweatshops must go to queer clubs to find "fire-code violations." Horror stories about potential dangers only exploit the natural fear we all feel at the thought of being roasted alive while partying. Persecution does nothing to remedy the situation, nor does it provide anyone with "safe" play space. What it does do is drive us all more underground. It punishes those who wish to pursue forbidden pleasures and reinforces the prevailing guilty Christian attitude toward sex.

Some busybodies don't sleep at night because they're obsessed by thoughts of things they can not do, condomless male sex or simply sweaty bodies rubbing anonymously together. Their claims of concern ring hollow when held up against the course of their actions. All the rubbers and dental dams (yuck!) in the world won't save you if you don't wish to be saved. No one says anything about our right to have unsafe sex. But let's face it: It takes two to tango. Just like you can't catch AIDS by yourself, you can't transmit it to well-protected partners. Statistics tell us the transmission rates of GMs have plummeted in the last few years. That is what must not be forgotten in the face of so much breeder-spawned criticism of trapping free sex. Letting them close the sex clubs now will make it easier for them to take us away tomorrow. Heed me.

Arrugula
San Francisco

A Real Church

As a former altar boy at The Church of the Sacred Heart in Boston's Roslindale during the era of the Latin Mass, I think I can recognize a church when I experience one.

Father Frank Finch's Church of the Secret Gospel is an authentic church. Just go to one of his weekly services and listen to one of his thoughtful sermons that usually seek to understand the sexophobia which entered into both Western (Roman Catholicism) and Eastern (Orthodoxy) Christianity through the teaching of the Church Fathers. St. Augustine of Hippo was the major sex-negative Church Father in the West, and his thought philosophically also influenced the founders of the Reformation churches of the 16th century.

Father Finch is a theologically motivated Christian, essentially in the historic Catholic tradition, who simply has elevated sexual orgasm to a sacrament in order to replace the sex-negativism of St. Augustine of Hippo with a sex-positivism which accepts gay male sexuality as a gift of God the Creator.

Basically, Father Frank is conducting the equivalent of a perpetual Catholic novena service — also with hymns and a sermon.

Granted, Father Frank's theology of gay male sex-

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uality is unfamiliar to the worshippers at Roslindale's Sacred Heart Church, at San Leandro's St. Leander's Church, and at other churches within the Catholic Tradition (Roman Catholicism and the Anglican Communion), but that fact does not dechurchify Father Frank's deep theological commitment to a sex-positive Christian faith.

From my frequent visits to Father Frank's church I have experienced there the same essential understanding of Christianity which I was taught by the Sisters of St. Joseph at St. Francis Xavier School at Roslindale's Sacred Heart Church and which is perhaps best captured by St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians: "Now abideth faith, hope, charity—these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

Gay male Bay Areans desperately need to harken to Father Frank's prophetic Catholic theology of sex, so they can graduate to the understanding that male gayness and Christian faith do not constitute an incompatibility. Tragically, far, far too many gay persons have abandoned their theological heritage.

James F. Gibbons
San Leandro

Take Action

Now that the children have had their fun breaking windows and setting fires and our absolutely useless political clubs are impotently wringing their hands over our loss of AB101, isn't it time for us to take some action instead of letting the Christian scumbags catch us unprepared again?

It really does not take a great deal of analysis to realize that the Neo-Nazi wing of the Republican Party did not take away AB101; we did it ourselves. Where do you suppose the fundies get their money? They get it from us. That's right, we are being bashed with weapons that *we* bought and paid for with our tax money and not one of our so-called "leaders" has had the moral courage or even the integrity to say so.

Between 30 and 50 percent of all of the taxable property in California is owned by religious institutions. In addition, all of the fundies can deduct from their state income taxes any and all contributions that they make to religious institutions. This means that we all pay higher taxes to subsidize our own bashing.

We can stop the fundies in their tracks and put them on the defensive by:

(1) Initiating a state constitutional amendment which forbids any and all taxing bodies in the state from granting any religious institution or person any tax exemption on income, property or other assets. In other words, make them pay taxes like any other business.

(2) Initiating another state constitutional amendment forbidding the deduction from state income or other taxes any contribution to any religious institution that does not give at least 75 percent of all of its income to charitable work without religious qualification for the recipient.

The "Lou Sheldon Gay Bashing Amendment" is reported to contain the provision that, in addition to repealing any existing local gay rights laws, any new gay rights law would require a two-thirds vote of the electorate for passage.

The two-thirds requirement is the heart of the bill and the reason that Sheldon will press for it in spite of the AB101 veto. Thus, if the Sheldon Gay Bashing Initiative passes by 50 percent plus one, the future gay rights legislation must be approved by two-thirds of those voting. This effectively disenfranchises over 16 percent of those who voted *against* the Sheldon Gay Bashing Initiative in the first place.

It is up to our legislators (Sens. Marks and Kopp and Assemblymen Burton and Brown, listen up!) to introduce a legislative constitutional amendment that requires that any initiative which contains any provision calling for passage of future legislation by a majority other than a simple majority must pass by the same majority. In other words, since the Sheldon Gay Bashing Initiative requires a two-thirds vote, it would require a two-thirds vote to pass the initiative. It's only fair.

Is anybody listening? Does anyone really care?

Ken Clark
San Francisco

The *Real* Violence

I am writing this on Tuesday, Oct. 1, in response to the letters you haven't gotten yet, but that I know you will, regarding last night's riot. Last night was a wonderful thing—it wasn't about gay vs. queer, or HIV-positive vs. HIV-negative, white vs. people of color. We saw all the people who have been fighting with each other for years now, people who last night had two things in common: They were homosexual, and they were pissed off. Arguments about politics and tactics and correctness and intellectual fashion were put aside in the face of the enemy whose threat is undeniable, immediate and terrifying: heterosexual right-wingers.

As we knew it would, part of it became a riot. And perhaps that's a good thing. Sometimes I wonder if Blacks have civil rights today because of Dr. King... or because of Watts. Perhaps, in this time when racism seems no less endemic, Blacks have rights because they demonstrated that they had reached a point where they were ready to rise up and kill whitey if whitey didn't get a move on.

It's been a long time since White Night—hate crimes have been on the rise ever since. Perhaps straights have forgotten that we can smash and fight and destroy, too. And so it was time they were reminded. I eagerly await the next set of statistics on gay bashing in our city: Monday night was well-publicized enough to give pause to any basher who thinks he (or she) can come into our part of town and beat up queers and get away with it. Perhaps they'll wonder if maybe there aren't ten or twenty or thirty or seven thousands queers right around the corner literally ready to kill them.

What has surprised me the most is the reaction of straight people I work with. When ACT UP's affinity groups blocked the bridge and stormed the Opera, people were furious. But today, none of them seem to be surprised it ended the way it did—and none of them seem to blame the rioters for doing it. And nobody is finding fault with those who "swept" Frank Jordan out of the Castro, in what I hope was a terrifying taste of his own medicine.

Finally, let's not forget that Pete Wilson and Lou Sheldon aren't the only villains in this piece—remember the names of state legislators who voted against AB 101; *they* are the ones who, by making a veto override impossible, are the *real* killers of AB 101.

Orland Outland
San Francisco

Reactionary Governor

Gov. Wilson's anti-labor action with his veto of AB101 is only the latest in a long chain of reactionary decisions. This is the same governor who demanded that welfare payments be cut, stating that the "excess" money was beer money. This is the same governor who tried to bust the teachers' union at the Richmond School District.

In a time of economic crisis, which is getting worse daily and with no improvement in sight, the capitalist politicians cannot and will not deliver any concessions. We have seen the same with Democrats, particularly with Mayor Dinkins of New York, who was elected with the gay/lesbian vote and now delivers nothing.

We should note that this is the second defeat in one year for the gay/lesbian liberation movement, the other being the HIV immigration issue. Only working class candidates can deliver because they are not beholden to capitalist interests or capitalist politics. How many defeats will it take before people learn that capitalists do not care about labor?

Lee Heller
San Francisco

Violence Harms Us

As a homosexual, I am naturally disturbed by Gov. Wilson's veto of AB101. But I am equally disturbed, if not more so, by the demonstrations that began after Gov. Wilson's veto.

There is nothing that anyone can do or not do that justifies the behavior of those lesbian and gay demonstrators who destroyed property they had no claim to. I empathize with their outrage, but I cannot support violence or destruction, of any kind. Breaking windows, spray-painting sides of buildings, setting fires in government offices will not put Gov. Wilson's signature on a piece of paper that will give gay people equal protection under the law. Such behavior serves only to further alienate the very politicians and lawmakers we wish to bring to our side.

How much longer before we homosexuals realize that these public displays of violence do us more harm than good? We continue to be our own worst enemy. We seem to know little, if anything, of effective public relations. We seem determined to show the world, via the media, that if we are not given what it is we demand, then we will take to the streets and destroy whomever or whatever gets in our way. Why do I think of a child screaming at his/her mother because she will not let him/her have a piece of candy?

The power of homosexuals, in terms of changing the laws that are against us, lies in our numbers. But our numbers cannot be effective unless we organize ourselves into a cohesive unit which shares a common goal. And nowadays, homosexuals are too severely divided to even imagine a common goal.

How can we, homosexuals, expect or demand non-homosexuals to recognize our due rights of equality when we do not recognize these same rights within our own community? If charity begins at home, why can't equality? And let us not delude ourselves by thinking that the making of AB101 into law would have eliminated discrimination against homosexuals. The Civil Rights Act outlawed racial discrimination, but it did not remove this sore from the face of American society. No law has the power to change human behavior.

Homosexuals are quick to blame "the others" for our own problems and misfortunes. "They" are always doing or saying one thing or another that prevents us from living a way of life we deserve to live. The responsibility of finding solutions is "ours" as much as it is "theirs." We cannot expect the solutions to our problems to come from outside our own community; they must come first from *within* our own community. It is unfair that we expect non-homosexuals to accept us, when we cannot, unanimously, accept ourselves.

Finally, we do not need a piece of paper stamped with an official signature to validate our homosexuality. We will always be homosexuals, no matter what the law does or does not state.

Edisol W. Dotson
San Francisco

Paying for the Damage

An open letter to the Less-than-Honorable Pete Wilson:

Enclosed is my check for two cents, payable to the State of California. This represents my share ($250,000 damage divided by 26 million Californians), as well as your share of the damage to state property in the Monday night riot in San Francisco.

I am sending my share so you will know that there are responsible citizens of this state who still condemn your hate-filled and misguided veto of AB101, the Gay Civil Rights bill. Your share I am paying so you need not agonize over your guilt and responsibility for aiding and supporting the continued "Queer bashing" done by people like you and the radical right. This is the sort of bigotry which led to the unfortunate, but well-justified anger that spilled into violence Monday.

Shame on you!

Gary Dean Lindsay
San Francisco

Gay Republicans Condemn Veto

The Log Cabin Club of San Francisco condemns the veto of AB101 by Gov. Wilson. We are deeply disappointed by his failure to live up to the Republican tradition of equal rights for all and special treatment for none. We regard this veto as a defeat not only for the gay and lesbian community, but for all Republicans and all Californians.

We call upon all Californians of good will to support whatever measures are needed to ensure equal protection under the law for all, regardless of sexual orientation and including, if necessary, an initiative. Let the people of California decide this issue. *Vox populi; vox Dei!*

Despite this misguided action, we will continue to work with the majority of Republicans who wish to solve this problem. Several decades ago, the Democratic Party was the haven for bigots who not only opposed civil rights legislation, but also opposed anti-lynching laws. If the Democrats, the party of Jefferson Davis and the Southern Slaveholders, can rise above their origins, then surely the Republicans, the party of Abraham Lincoln and individual rights, can return to their roots.

We will continue our efforts until the Republican Party once again demands equal rights for all.

Robert L. Speer, President
The Log Cabin Club of San Francisco

Evil, Bigotry & Demagoguery

An open letter to Gov. Pete Wilson:

I am outraged and disgusted by your cowardly act of vetoing AB101. You had an opportunity to lead and you chose to follow. When you could have championed justice and fairness, you allied yourself with evil, bigotry and demagoguery. May that choice prove to be your undoing!

I feel like I've been gay bashed or had my home burglarized. Against my own better instincts, I found myself presuming you would sign the bill. We had compellingly demonstrated the need for it and *you* had promised to sign it. Surely justice would prevail. Ha! My own naivete often amazes me. It's just that, even though I know better, there's a part of me that doesn't want to give in to the cynicism. I *want* to

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Plotting to Overthrow the Governor's Veto

Taking the Next Step To Secure Gay Rights In California

BY TIM KINGSTON

Gov. Pete Wilson's Sept. 29 veto of AB 101 poured kerosene on an angry bonfire that shows no signs of abating. Up and down the state, lesbians, gays and bisexuals have taken to the streets demanding their civil rights. Key activists are already considering a statewide gay rights initiative next year to guarantee the protection Pete Wilson denied with a single flourish of his pen. And on Oct. 11, National Coming Out Day, gays and lesbians will flood into Sacramento to protest the veto.

"I have not seen this sort of sustained rage since the early days of Gay Lib," says Torrie Osborn, executive director of the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Service Center. "People are so united that we are having demonstrations of at least 1,000 out in the streets every night [*in Los Angeles*]. Five thousand on Monday and 500 on the day of the veto [Sunday]. People are in the streets. People are organizing. It is an incredibly broad group: punks, street activists, people in suits. It is everybody."

The word on everyone's lips is betrayal. It is not just the veto that sent 10,000 angry gays and lesbians marching down San Francisco's Market Street and inspired a breakaway group of 300 to wreak havoc on the State Building: It is the violation of trust. For months Wilson has hinted he would sign AB101, and stated that he supports gay rights. Then comes the veto after a concentrated campaign by Lou Sheldon's Traditional Values Coalition and other hate groups.

"Pete Wilson is basically in a position of having shown a severe collapse of the spinal column," declared Laurie McBride, executive director of the LIFE AIDS Lobby. "The guy said 'no' to dignity, to equality and 'yes' to the hateful, as if they count more than we do. That really starts to get at the core of the anger that people have. This veto has touched people where they live—people that did not even know they cared about this bill, and they just want to stand up."

The lesbian/gay community is regrouping. The LIFE AIDS Lobby and lesbian/gay pollsters are making preliminary investigations into the feasibility of a statewide gay rights ballot campaign. Assembly member Terry Friedman is reintroducing AB101 into the Legislature on the first day of the new session in January 1992— despite Gov. Wilson's assurances he will veto any gay rights measure that comes to his desk. Some members of Queer Nation/Los Angeles are talking about a recall campaign against the governor, although virtually all the other groups contacted regard that as sure failure at best and counterproductive at worst.

Gay activists say the disruptions of Wilson's Oct. 1 appearance at Stanford University and his Oct. 2, $2,500-a-plate fundraiser in San Francisco are only a foretaste of guerrilla strikes at Wilson—part of a strategy to dog the governor every time he makes a public appearance. Jim Hormel, a respected behind-the-scenes Democratic Party activist who is openly gay, endorses the tactics of the leather jacket brigade, adding, with a hint of malice, "Pete Wilson should be reminded daily of what he has done for the rest of his—hopefully short—political career. I am not sure how that should be done, but I agree with daily reminders!"

The gay Republican Log Cabin Clubs, however angry they feel at Wilson, are trying to regroup and vow they will fight on inside the party against the religious right. Frank Ricchiazzi, executive director of the Log Cabin Political Action Committee, says he was "angry, shocked and betrayed" by the veto, but adds, "We have been fighting Sheldon. We know how to fight, *not just demonstrate*. We understand the political process."

State representative Bill Filante (R-Marin, Sonoma), a key GOP supporter of AB101, urges gays and lesbians not to give up on Wilson or the Republican Party. "The majority of Republicans in the last poll supported gay rights. You have a Republican administration in California and in [Washington] D.C. for at least three years in California, and one year in D.C. We have to work with them. For us to turn our backs on them about this issue is wrong."

Revenge is, however, on the minds of many. Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg snarled, "We should make sure his political future is so damaged that his aspirations for re-election, or moves to a higher office, are dashed. You do not take human rights issues and flush them down the toilet to appease right-wing lunatics. There is a short and longer-term price to be paid for this."

GAY RIGHTS INITIATIVE ACTION PLANNING

First Briggs, then LaRouche, then Dannemeyer. Each time the community has been reactive, but anger over the veto is boiling into a demand for pre-emptive action. On Wednesday Oct. 9, the LIFE AIDS Lobby held an emergency conference call among its board members, and some constitutional lawyers, to discuss moving a statewide gay rights initiative off the drawing board and onto the ballot.

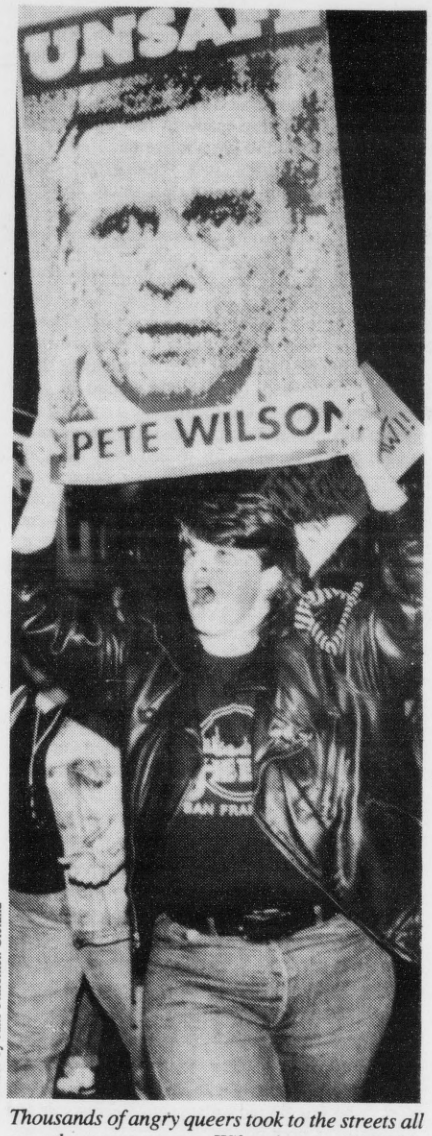
"People are raising the funds to do a poll," says Osborn. But, she says, "It is a massive resource drain. First you have to find out if you can win. There is no point otherwise. We need to find out what the real numbers are." And she warns the lesbian/gay community to remember, "Lou Sheldon is far better organized than us."

San Francisco gay rights attorney Ben Schatz says, "It is time for our community to do something other than be on the defensive." He adds, "I believe that, fundamentally, what matters more is trying to change people's hearts than change the laws. But the educational value associated with an initiative campaign could be extremely high."

So are the costs. Estimates vary, but just getting an initiative on the ballot requires as much as $1/2 million to $2 million, while expenditures in an electoral campaign are predicted to run from $2 million to $8 million.

The concern in the back of everyone's mind is: Can the lesbian/gay community come up with the cash and commitment? Political consultant Dick Pabich says he is "certainly ready to do it if the money is there. The support is there in the public and community but, again, it is a question of how much money can be put together."

David Binder, a pollster and political analyst, believes an initiative is winnable because of the Mervin Field poll released the day after the veto that shows that 62 percent of Californians support gay rights. But, Binder warns, "It is a huge effort. It cannot be half-assed. It has to be a 100 percent commitment in effort and dollars. I am not sure that is there...right now."



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Thousands of angry queers took to the streets all over the state to protest Wilson's veto of AB 101.

It is extremely difficult for a pro-active group to get an initiative on the ballot, and once there, victory is still uncertain. Osborn drew a parallel with the Big Green initiative last year which had the support of 90 percent of Californians—that was before its defeat by a concentrated lumber industry disinformation campaign.

Binder acknowledges a statewide campaign will be arduous because the far right will jam the invective up to unheard of levels. However, he believes such a campaign is "ultimately winnable." But, as one wag wryly noted, polls don't vote, people do.

Many Log Cabin Club members support the idea of an initiative. Chris Bowman, a former Log Cabin Club president, argues that the initiative could provide useful leverage against Wilson to pressure him into signing any AB101-type bill put through the Legislature by Terry Friedman. Representative Filante says if legislation fails he may back some sort of voter initiative. Before he makes any decision about what to do he is planning on meeting with the governor and the leaders of the Log Cabin Clubs sometime after Oct. 14. That's when the governor will have finished signing or vetoing the 1,400 bills passed by the Legislature.

Filante says, "I am trying to put together the broadest coalition that I can on anti-discrimination legislation, and at the same time I continue my opposition to quotas." Filante says he hopes to pull together women's groups, political groups and Republicans to forge such an alliance.

Not everyone is bowled over by the prospect of an initiative, though. Del Martin, a veteran lesbian activist, doubts that the lesbian/gay community is ready for a statewide initiative, simply because it is not well-organized statewide, outside of L.A. and the City. A leading member of the gay Republican Log Cabin Clubs, who requested his comments be off the record, argues an initiative will prove to be costly and, ultimately, unwinnable. He argues that a more productive strategy will be to sink money into candidates who support gay rights in the upcoming elections this year. He says those elections are critical because the reapportionment of California's electoral districts will throw many races wide open.

Robert Speer, president of the San Francisco Log Cabin Club, says he was "absolutely furious" at the veto and snaps, "[Pete Wilson] is gone. As far as I am concerned, he is a one-term governor." Speer is less certain about an initiative. "Unless we know we are going to get it passed, I would hate to see a lot of energy wasted on that. We need to pool our resources for the most positive action."

While favoring an initiative, Bowman also stresses the need for gay Republicans to stay in the party to fight the religious right on two fronts. First, the religious right will probably target pro-choice candidates next. Second, he says gays need to support Republican moderates for election in 1992, so the party can be wrested from the hands of the hard-liners who now have such a disproportionate influence in the party.

Brandy Moore, a community activist and consultant for the Black Coalition on AIDS, also asserts the primacy of next year's elections. Moore says the lesbian/gay community desperately needs to make new friends in the Legislature, particularly because of last year's Proposition 140 that limits the terms of legislators, which will force many friends of the community out of office. "Traditionally, the people who have voted for lesbian/gay rights, human rights issues, have been African Americans and other elected officials of color, and we should not forget that."

Moore adds that the failure of AB101 means that lesbian and gay candidates and other elected officials must be found "who are committed to carrying out our agenda for human dignity, and this next election is a prime time for making that happen."

A POTPOURRI OF VENGEANCE: LOS ANGELES LEADS THE WAY

For eight solid days, the anti-veto demonstrations in Los Angeles have made front page news there. "It is called the week of rage," says longtime gay activist David Mixner. "The gay and lesbian community has never—repeat *never*—seen anything like this. It is as close to a civil rights movement I have ever seen this community come to."

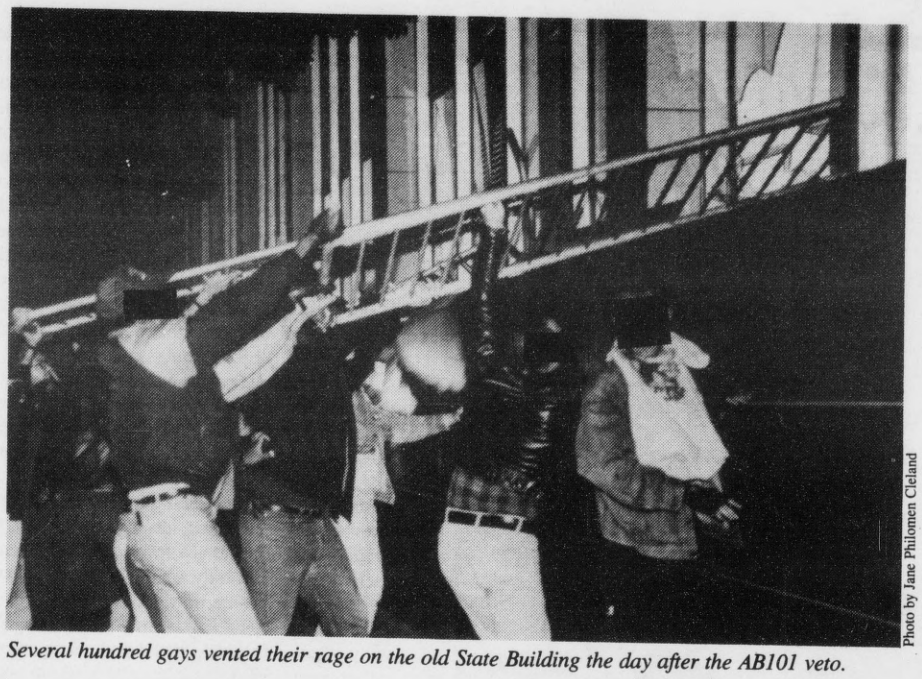
Morris Kight, a veteran gay rights activist and member of the Commission on Human Relations for Los Angeles County, says the level of anger and action is so great that he has started calling it Stonewall II. "I am an old man, and it has been one of the most powerful weeks of my lifetime. I have seen our community revolt in nonviolent protest, and I am proud, proud, proud."

Kight says, people are still "much too excited to be doing serious planning." He argues the community will get down to that after the Oct. 11 March on Sacramento. Kight believes the primary discussion of what to do about the veto will take place at the Los Angeles Creating Change West Conference on Oct. 17-20, an annual gathering of activists and major political players in the lesbian/gay community.

"We need to look at channeling this profound sense of anger, righteousness and betrayal into building a broad movement for civil rights," says Osborn. "We are looking at a multi-pronged strategy that is still being formulated." Osborn adds, the strategy will combine voter registration drives, nonviolent civil disobedience and "targeting the legislators who voted for this sucker and getting rid of them."

Mixner proposes that ROTC and military sites be targeted because of the Department of Defense's homophobic policies. He also suggests that activists *faithfully* follow Wilson around the state at the governor's political appearances. More specifically, Mixner puts forth the idea of targeting one Democrat and one Republican who voted against AB101, as symbolic targets for the lesbian/gay community to defeat—to send a "powerful message that you can't fuck with us." Mixner also believes an economic boycott of major contributors to Pete Wilson's campaign war chest is worth looking at.

Laurie McBride believes in taking the battle back to the home turf of the religious right-wingers who scared Wilson into vetoing the bill. She wants to see pro-active electoral and activist



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Several hundred gays vented their rage on the old State Building the day after the AB101 veto.

targeting of bigots like Sheldon in Southern California. After the Sacramento March, McBride wants to organize 100 gays and lesbians to surround "some of the most obnoxious institutions of religious intolerance and do a prayer vigil.

"We are just the first question on their litmus test of repression," says McBride. "For me it is not so much the governor, although the buck stops there—it is who he listened to the smallness of their minds, an agenda of repression." She is also convinced that the far right's next target will be pro-choice politicians. McBride argues that lesbians and gays are on the front lines of a barricade to battle, and prevent, the Sheldonites from totally consolidating power over the Republican Party machine. This battle is crucial because the religious right's ultimate aim is to capture the entire apparatus of state power in California.

While there are dozens of proposals, the one constant is channeling the anger into a long-term campaign for civil rights. Osborn says the lesbian/gay community needs to get its non-gay supporters in the civil rights community to speak out. "We need to build a coalition with them, and this is the perfect opportunity."

BETRAYAL

The level of betrayal and rage felt by different sectors of the community seems directly related to the level of trust placed in Pete Wilson. During his campaign, the governor advertised heavily in the L.A. gay press. Ivy Bottini, chair of the 1987 March on Sacramento, is "appalled" at the veto because she personally heard Wilson say, several times, "You can count on me if the bill comes across my desk." According to all reports, the majority of those marching in L.A. were people who had never been to demonstrations before.

People of color contacted by the *SF Bay Times* were considerably less surprised by the veto, but their anger level is just as high. "How many times have mainstream politicians appealed to minority groups for support and then found themselves with unfulfilled promises after they were elected?" asks Don Chan Mark, a member of San Francisco's United Colors group in Los Angeles during the veto protests.

Chan says, "I found it illuminating to see the faces of white people in the protests in San Francisco and Los Angeles. This was the first time some white people had ever felt publicly betrayed."

When Wilson cast the crucial vote this year that killed the civil rights bill in Washington, D.C., people of color and other civil rights activists repeatedly warned the white lesbian/gay community that Wilson was no true friend of gay rights, but they found few takers. All that may now change. Phil Wilson, AIDS coordinator for L.A., says, "I think everyone needs to understand that the Wilson veto is part of an assault on human dignity and it is connected to civil rights, to the drive against Roe vs. Wade. It is connected to Bush saying he will vote against the extension of unemployment benefits. Progressive folk need to come out in favor of AB101 and defend Roe vs. Wade, and make sure the United States has a civil rights bill that means something."

WHY'D YOU DO WHAT YOU DID

A variety of theories are circulating about what really made Pete Wilson veto the gay rights legislation. The most popular, of course, is that he simply caved in to pressure—pressure from the far right in his own party and extra-parliamentary pressure from the fundamentalist right wing.

Binder argues that since Otto Bos—Wilson's closest political mentor—died of a heart attack, the governor has been relying on advice from his handlers, who are saying the Republican Party is not ready for gay rights. Binder says, "Wilson is looking out for his political future, and he thinks he does not have one if he signs AB101. But the irony is that he may have had more of one if he did sign it."

Pabich agrees, saying Wilson is on the prowl.

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To join the Sacramento statewide demonstration protesting Wilson's veto meet at 9 a.m., October 11, at the Safeway parking lot on upper Market Street at Church. Three buses have been chartered and carpooling will be available. Take the day off of work. Make signs and bring whistles.

SF Bay Times Opinion Survey

To Our Readers:
Our community has experienced a volatile two weeks. United in anger at Gov. Wilson's veto of AB 101, we are nevertheless divided in our opinions on violent vs. nonviolent protest and future action. These debates come at a time when our community is already sharply torn over who to support in next month's Mayoral election.

The day after the veto, we saw the power of anger. Even greater, we believe, are the powers of consensus and direction. If this survey can contribute to clarifying our opinion as a community, it will have served a major purpose.

The results of the following survey will be published in the next issue of SF Bay Times. Please take the time to fill out this anonymous questionnaire, and fax, mail or deliver it to the paper by Oct. 18. If you have additional comments, please feel free to include them with your response.

1. If the election for Mayor were held today, for whom would you vote? (check one)
   - ☐ Art Agnos
   - ☐ Angela Alioto
   - ☐ Richard Hongisto
   - ☐ Tom Hsieh
   - ☐ Frank Jordan
   - ☐ Gloria LaRiva
   - ☐ Other (Please name) _____
   - ☐ Undecided
   - ☐ Would not vote

2. Which candidate or candidates would you absolutely NOT vote for under any circumstances? (check as many as apply)
   - ☐ Art Agnos
   - ☐ Angela Alioto
   - ☐ Richard Hongisto
   - ☐ Tom Hsieh
   - ☐ Frank Jordan
   - ☐ Gloria LaRiva

3. If there was a runoff election, for whom would you vote in the following scenarios?
   - ☐ Art Agnos
   - ☐ Angela Alioto
   - ☐ Would not vote
   - ☐ Art Agnos
   - ☐ Richard Hongisto
   - ☐ Would not vote

4. Which of the following statements best describes your opinion regarding violence as a political reaction? (check one)
   - ☐ Violence is never justified under any circumstances.
   - ☐ Violence, even if justified, is not an effective political reaction.
   - ☐ Violence is justified and effective under some circumstances, but NOT those surrounding the Sept. 30 activity at the State Building.
   - ☐ Violence is justified and effective under some circumstances, INCLUDING those surrounding the Sept. 30 activity at the State Building.

5. Some people have suggested that the lesbian/gay community undertake a statewide initiative campaign to place AB 101 on the ballot next year. Others have said that the energy of the community would be better spent trying to defeat Gov. Wilson for reelection. If you had to choose ONE of these two approaches, which would you choose? (check one)
   - ☐ Undertake statewide initiative campaign
   - ☐ Concentrate on defeating Wilson

Please deliver, mail or fax us your completed survey as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, Oct. 18. Our address is 288 7th Street, San Francisco, 94103. Our fax number is (415) 626 0629. Thanks!

6. Please rate the following people & organizations on the quality of their leadership of the gay community.

	WEAK		OK	STRONG		NO OPINION
ACT UP/Golden Gate	1	2	3	4	5	0
ACT UP/San Francisco	1	2	3	4	5	0
Queer Nation	1	2	3	4	5	0
Harry Britt	1	2	3	4	5	0
Roberta Achtenberg	1	2	3	4	5	0
Carole Migden	1	2	3	4	5	0
Other (Please List Below):						
_____	1	2	3	4	5	0

The following questions allow us to compare our survey population with the gay/lesbian population at large for statistical significance. We cannot count your survey in our statistics without these answers.

7. What is your party registration?
   - ☐ Democrat ☐ Republican
   - ☐ Independent ☐ Not registered
   - ☐ Other (Please name: _____)

8. What is your age?_____

9. What is your sex and orientation?
   - ☐ Lesbian ☐ Bisexal woman
   - ☐ Gay man ☐ Bisexual man
   - ☐ Heterosexual woman
   - ☐ Heterosexual man
   - ☐ Other _____

10. What is your zip code?_____

11. What is your ethnicity?
   - ☐ African-American/Black
   - ☐ Asian/Pacific Islander
   - ☐ Caucasian/White
   - ☐ Latino/Hispanic ☐ Native American
   - ☐ Other (Please name: _____)

12. What was your 1990 income before taxes?
   - ☐ Under $19,999 ☐ $20,000-$39,999
   - ☐ $40,000-$69,999 ☐ $70,000-$99,999
   - ☐ $100,000 and over

13. What level of education have you completed?
   - ☐ High School degree
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   - ☐ Some graduate ☐ Graduate degree

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CROSSTALK

BY BO HUSTON

A Question of Violence

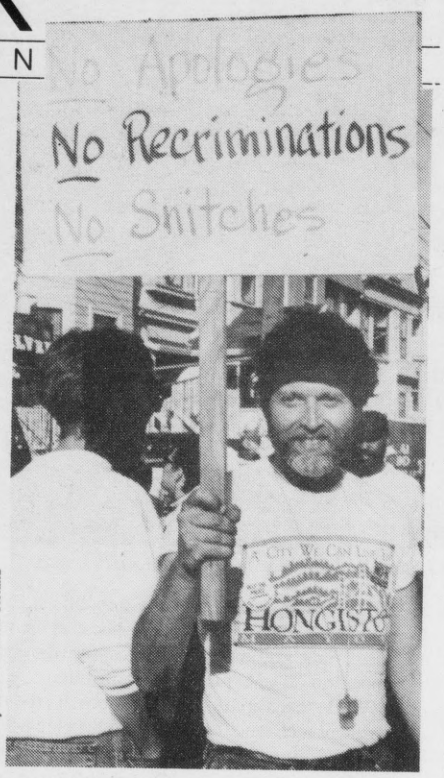
Is it the worst thing in the world that some windows got smashed, some files got burned? No. On the other hand, the justification for it seems trite, immature. People were outraged, people were angry. The entire demonstration—from the opening speeches at Castro and Market, through the destruction of the State Building, and back to the Castro where people were dancing—was full of simplistic rhetoric. The real issue, Gov. Wilson's corrupt, despicable veto, was somehow lost.

I've gone through quite a process with this riot business—trying to sort through my feelings and experience, trying to weave my way around to an opinion. I've talked to lots of people about it. Charles just loved the chaos. Dennis did too and thinks Wilson should be *assassinated*. Amy says the violence was great because it got national news coverage, and it would otherwise have been completely forgotten. Well, I get that point, but it's a bit weak for me. So often with controversial political action, the *tactic* of the action gets noticed but not the *reason* for the action. Remember blocking the Golden Gate Bridge? All anyone could talk about was the traffic snarl, potential danger for pregnant motorists, and so the anguish and anger of the participants was not addressed.

Dan—(oh God, do I call him my partner, lover, significant other, or what? I guess I'll just call him Dan)—Dan and I have had long discussions over these last few years about what's appropriate, helpful, truthful in political action. He's for nonviolence down the line and turns away from the demonstrations which encourage violent response. Generally, he and I agree. But I do have an attraction to, and a strange kind of respect for, the impulse, the anger.

I had a big lesson the night of Sept. 30. It seems to me that when something affects our community, our first impulse is to gather together. Then, leadership voices within the community run around urging people to be careful, to stay nonviolent—we don't want anyone hurt, we don't want to antagonize police, we want to march peacefully.

After that, it's anybody's game. Sometimes a



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march will go off without incident; sometimes, a person or group will just be too full of rage, too uncontained, and the well-meaning warnings of a safety monitor, or whoever, is just not good enough. Sometimes there's an explosion.

Sept. 30 saw an impressive, majestic gathering. The march downtown was energizing, powerful. But there was a low murmur—you could feel it in the pavement. And by the time we got to the old State Building, a momentum had built and was not to be controlled by argument or persuasion. Some number of people—the media is inexact in its figures—stormed the entranceway. The rest of the crowd either passively watched or cheered them on.

My revelation that night was that because our responses are so diverse, because each individual and group brings its own concerns and ways of expression to any given demonstration, we have relied on general hope that things won't get out of hand. We're generally pleased when violence does not occur; we're defensive when it does.

What's missing is an understanding of nonviolence as a specific strategy, a valuable political tool. The concepts of non-cooperation, social boycotts, goods boycotts, sympathetic strikes, nonpayment of taxes and fines, and passive resistance do not seem to have a defined place in the structure of lesbian and gay political action. Where is there a group absolutely committed to a nonviolent approach to social and political change for lesbians and gays, to studying Gandhi's perspective, to *using* nonviolence ruthlessly, as a tactic? Similarly, violence is a valuable strategy; where is our militant, radical collective, ready to take up arms, ready to have our demands met, as Malcolm X said, "by any means necessary"?

If these separate camps existed, I would choose the first. But I do see enormous value in the existence of the second camp. Convincing those in power of a moral imperative, of what's fair and just, takes an awful lot of time. (Even Gandhi admitted that.) Violence and the threat of violence does help. Wilson, Republicans, the Right and the fundamentalist Right are untrustworthy, even to each other. They really are the enemy, and have been for many years now.

Lesbians and gays must be visible to fight—we've figured that out—and the social contract is rather complicated because some of us are not in a position emotionally or socially to be visible. Also, we do have gay Republicans, and at the risk of offending anyone, I ask them: *Now* will you realize they're not your friends?

Lesbians and gay men are at the bottom of the agenda, even for our allies. To have society—politicians and media and police—afraid of us is not such a bad thing. The genius behind the Black Panther Party in the 1960s was not only in that they were able to confront an important range of ideas that had been unaddressed throughout the Civil Rights Movement, but that they were an ominous presence; they inspired fear. The Martin Luther King people, already in a relationship with the establishment, were able to say: "Hey, you either deal with us now, or them later." This was a powerful and profound dynamic. And it is a truthful dynamic with regard to lesbians, gay men and AIDS activists in this country today. The real message of the violence was: We will not just be dismissed, we will not be insulted and terrorized by our own government.

Back to Dan: He opened up one of the gay papers and saw two full pages of obituaries. "And people wonder why they want to smash windows," he said. "Here's why."

I suppose I felt called upon to make a judgment of those who behaved differently than I did that night—that they were acting out anger rather than expressing or resolving it, that they were hotheaded and simplistic in their response. I've stepped off my high horse a little now. It isn't important for me to judge other people's choices. The struggle will not be made or broken by damage to the State Building.

I am compelled, though, to make my own choice. No one else has to speak for me, either by ramming a barricade or singing "Kumbayah." At this time in my life, I am committed to, and fascinated by, nonviolence as a method, as a response in and of itself. It wasn't always so, and it may change. Sometimes I think I am too strategical in my thinking, too intellectual. Sometimes Ghandi's brilliant collection of essays, *Non-Violent Resistance*, is just irrelevant.

I was arguing by phone with Warren, challenging him about the practical disadvantage of violent action. "You're right if you're speaking in terms of what's practical, Bo," he said. "But this was just what people were feeling. They were angry, and this is how it came out."

I asked: "But is the purpose of a march like this to express our feelings, let out our anger? I mean, I want things to change, I don't want to just smash some windows and then go party in the Castro."

Warren: "Well, it would be nice if everyone was healthy in how they dealt with their anger. That would be wonderful, if people could have really healthy spiritual responses. But that's not the way it is for everyone. Some of those people were just fed up, completely enraged, and so they got violent. It's part of their process—as individuals and as a community. I was happy people were finally angry. It made me feel I wasn't alone. So much of the time I'm thinking: Why aren't you *angry*?"

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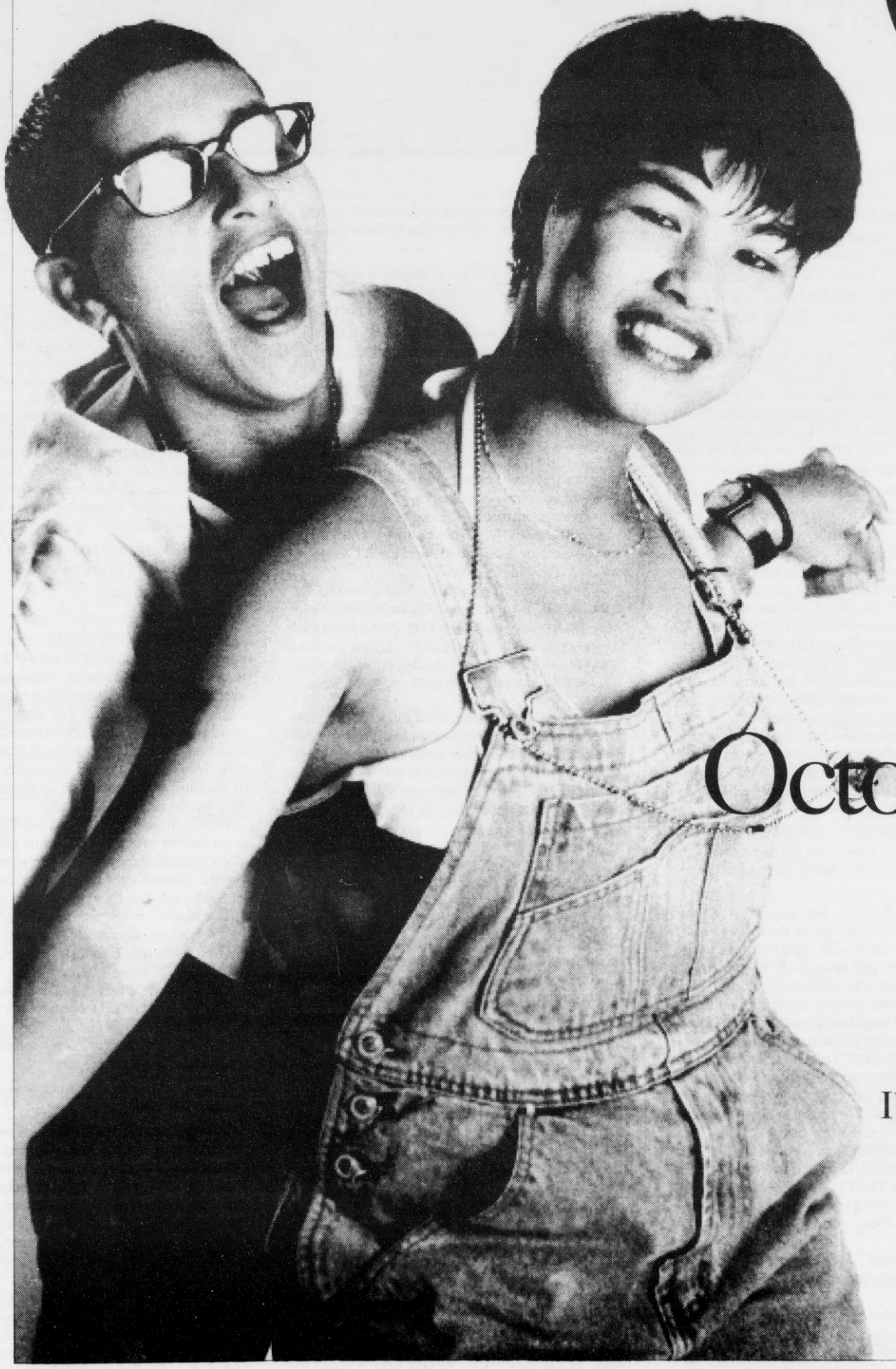

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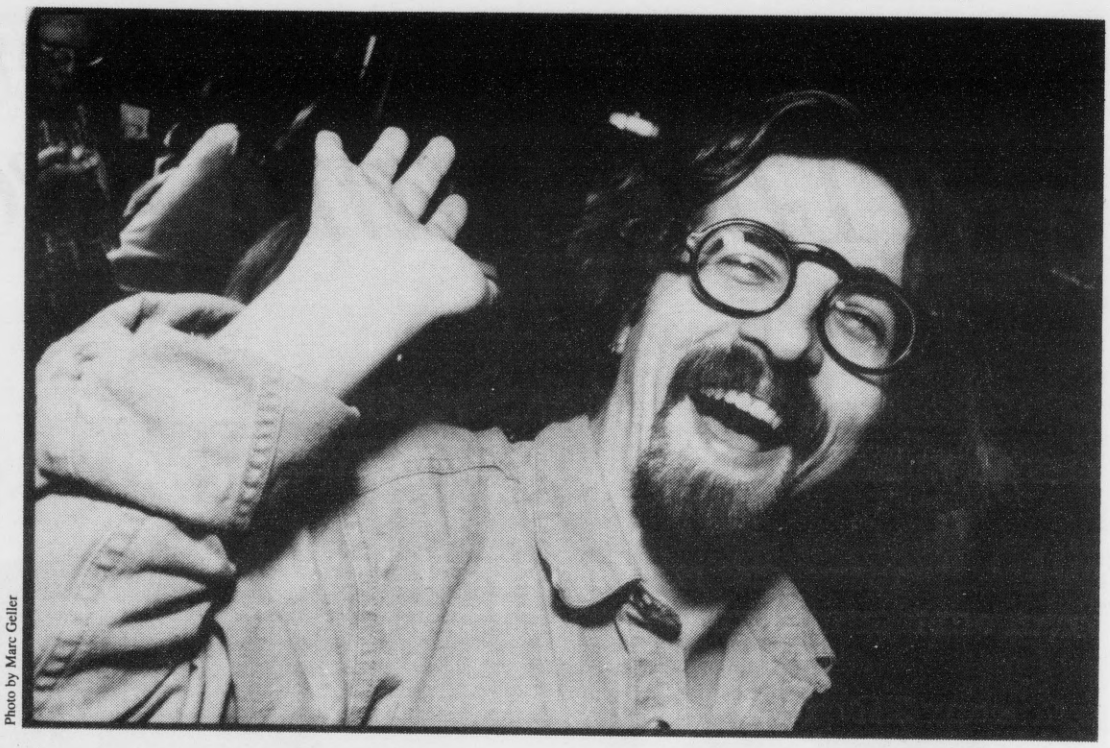

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INTERVIEW BY DAVE FORD

In his three years as the openly gay *Examiner* pop music critic, Barry Walters has managed to alienate rock promoter Bill Graham, legions of teenage lite-metal fans, and even factions of the local queer community. Yet he continues to churn out eminently readable reviews, profiles and even Op-Ed pieces as admirable for their razor-like deconstructions as for their often ferocious gay agendas.

And I'm not just saying that because he's my best friend.

Barry's no typical rock dude. Styled shoulder-length hair frames a face defined by trademark Mr. Peabody-specs and goatee. A mile-wide child-streak manifests itself in his early-Pee-Wee's-Playhouse apartment, where Angel Fish and Clown Loaches swim in a psychedelic aquarium. Barry suffers from chronic asthma; I call his inhaler medication "speedballs," an ironic nod to his lifelong (and unrockish) substance-freeness. As much as he likes Metallica and some Guns N' Roses, dance music is his first love, followed closely (but not exclusively) by everyone from The Judds to Sonic Youth to the New Kids on the Block.

The youngest of three, Barry escaped mind-numbing Rochester, N.Y., by dreaming of coolness, fame and David Cassidy. Arriving in Manhattan at 18 (a year after his alcoholic father died), he eventually freelanced for *The Advocate*, pop music magazines, and the *Village Voice*—dreaming of coolness, fame and *Madonna*. At the *Voice* he penned, among other pieces, a memorable Morrissey paean and an ode to jerking off.

Barry blasted onto the SF scene with a Sunday tribute to then-ailing disco star Sylvester and a controversial piece on The Box. (It brought unwanted yahoos to the dance club.) More brouhaha followed: He excoriated Bill Graham, in a post-Oct. 17 earthquake benefit review, for not booking young local bands alongside dinosaurs like John Fogerty and Carlos Santana. Promoter harangued critic in a phone call; they haven't spoken since.

Among other subjects in his regular Friday column, "Soundbites," Barry has firebombed closet cases like Tracy Chapman and Michael Stipe; he also wrote about turning 30 last May. And he's championed no-longer-unheard-of bands like Jellyfish, Faith No More, and Sister Double Happiness.

Barry and I met for this interview at the Church St. Just Desserts, a regular haunt, where the strawberry scones are (Barry speaking) "super-fabulous!" For two hours we blabbed about, among other subjects, San Francisco gay culture, queers in (the closet in) pop music and Barry's unceasing hunt for Mr. Right.

(SF Bay Times): What shall we talk about?

(Barry Walters): Marky Mark. My affair with Marky Mark. My three-way with Marky Mark and [New Kid] Donnie Wahlberg.

I know! Let's name-drop! What was it like to meet Marky Mark at that KMEL Summer Jam thing at Shoreline?

Actually, I didn't meet him. I came backstage, and Donnie Wahlberg came over, hugged me, and thanked me for the interview I did with him—the Sunday one where I gave him a chance to say how queer-positive he is. He asked me if I'd met Marky Mark. I said no, and he said they were coming back later that day. But they never did.

That's sad. Let's talk about the Box story. That must have been a real party—not.

Tired! (Snaps into tape recorder.) Well, in the story I tried to explain its place in gay culture and along the AIDS time line. It was right at that point when people were starting to go out again after being fearful of sex. It was so fascinating to go to a place where there was a mix of gays and lesbians, Blacks and whites, Hispanics, Asians and cool straight people—and that they all got along.

I bent over *backwards* in the article to say, "Honey, if you are tired and too straight to deal, don't *even* bother going to this club."

But the tired people came. I sympathize with the club, but they came down very hard on me. Like, why did I *do* this to them? Well, why did they *jump* at the chance to be interviewed? It was just very strange.

You're writing for a mainstream daily, yet you're queer. You sometimes get surprising—and surprisingly negative—reactions from the queer community.

Even though I'm gay, I'm from New York. I didn't have to work my way up the San Francisco gay community totem pole. And there are so few spots that openly gay people are allowed to get in the media—in *life*—that even though I *am* speaking for them, they're more critical of me than they would be of the *Chron*'s rock critic Joel Selvin, someone they know is not talking for them.

I understand it. But I'd much rather get support—especially to have people rub it in my editors' faces that here's a gay critic who's going out on a limb by being out. They have to always be reaffirmed that that's a worthy risk.

See, gay sensibility was so prevalent in New York, that I never felt like there was this insulated community that I had to protect and speak for. And I've found that's somewhat the case here—to a degree that sometimes makes me uncomfortable.

On the other hand, since I've moved here, I've found myself isolating myself within that community.

There have been times when people have really made me feel supported. It's just like Madonna and Donnie Wahlberg say, if a zillion people say, "You're fabulous! You're fabulous," that's great. But if there's one person in the corner saying, "You suck! You suck," that's what you remember.

You also came into an established rock community with an old heirarchy—the Grateful Dead, Huey Lewis, etc.—and really shook things up.

Well, I wanted people to have *some* impression of me. I'd rather be despised or called "fag" than be ignored.

The San Francisco music scene has made a significant change in the last three years—especially when you include the Bay Area. I came at a time when San Francisco was thought of as the past. Being new myself, I wanted to say, "Look, get over yourselves: There's new stuff out there you must think about." We had to stop thinking of ourselves in terms of tired shit that's so *aggressively* heterosexist. I can't think of anything straighter than Huey Lewis and the News—I'm *sorry*. *TIRED*! (He snaps.)

Now the San Francisco Bay Area is famous for creating MC Hammer, not just *the fucking Dead* and the fucking *past*. We now have Faith No More, En Vogue, Metallica, Digital Underground—and the up-and-coming people, like Sister Double Happiness, 4 Non Blondes, Voice Farm.

To me, The Residents are historically a much more interesting cultural phenomenon than the Grateful Dead. They have some of the same principles as the Dead, and do it so much more creatively. I can't think of any group that endorses abuse more than the Grateful Dead.

What kind of abuse?

Hair abuse!

There are even gay Dead fans who might disagree, because the Dead provides a gentle space where people dance, and they don't play violent, aggressive, hateful loud rock.

But could those gay Deadheads wear "SILENCE=DEATH" T-shirts and kiss each other and hold hands and say "I'm queer" at a Dead show? I don't *think* so. I don't think they could have as much freedom as they could at an Erasure, Eurythmics or k.d. lang show—or even at a *Madonna* show.

I wonder how it felt for you to come in and face Bill Graham, Joel Selvin and the rest, not only as an outsider, but being young and gay, and not being part of their little clique.

Well, it's an old-boy's network, which is really *boring*. It's so exclusive, and just a way of excusing tiredness. I cannot say that I didn't get where I got because of my associations. But the people who I've looked up to were people I sincerely admired. I don't think I could have been a yes-man to tiredness.

Barry Walters, yes-man to tiredness.

Snap-girl to tiredness! If being on the inside means swilling beer and walking around in a pot haze, and saying, "Yes, Bill Graham, I worship you, and I will act as if Carlos Santana has something interesting to say—still," and acting as if Metallica and Faith No More aren't worth thinking about—then I'd rather stay on the outside!

I have no problem with that. Because I'm gay, and because I've lived through bullies *kicking* me and making me black and blue as a kid, I can endure bully mentality. It doesn't break me down and turn me into a yes-man the way it might someone who's straight and privileged and never had to face opposition in their lives.

It hasn't made coming here any easier. I can be civil to people in the music industry, but they should never expect any favors from me. If I go out on a limb for Sister Double Happiness, it's because I sincerely believe they're fabulous, not because someone's greasing me up with cocaine to say something.

What's changed in your working relationship with your editors in the past three years?

I'm educating them.

What about?

That straight media must be as sensitive to gay issues as they should be to female issues, Black issues, anti-Semitic issues, Asian issues, whatever. They think gay sensibility exists in this little ghetto, and you cover that whenever there's a controversial film or if there's a parade. To them it's something that's very isolated, that has nothing to do with straight people. Also, they're not used to thinking of homophobia as bigotry, just like they would racism or sexism.

What I'm saying is the gay stuff is the part of *us* as *human beings*, and it must get equal time along with all the other things you talk about as a good journalist. And it's working: They've learned a lot. But they still have a ways to go.

The media are *starting* to write about it. *Billboard* has actually tackled the issue of homophobia in the music industry. But when I came here in '88, it wasn't being done.

The problem is that changes in our culture on a grand scale occur *so* slooooowly. It's never gonna be fast enough for gay people, who may die before they're 25, or whatever. We're on a much faster time schedule than they are.

It seems you've found ways to sneak gay issues in under the radar.

During the period of the Hollywood code, you couldn't even *say* homosexual. Yet those films were incredibly witty, smart and suggestive. I look at my editors' fear of libel as being like the code. I want to be as clever as those Hollywood movies were about saying what *I* have to say.

I've learned that it comes out much more creatively if I suggest something. Like isn't it funny that the same guy who went on about "immigrants and faggots" hangs out with the Pet Shop Boys backstage, that his favorite '70s heroes are Elton John, Queen and David Bowie, and that he dresses like a hooker? I think I say something larger than just, "Axl Rose: closet case."

If I can comment on performers' sexuality, and how it shapes their art and our perception of it, then I'm actually achieving more than just pointing fingers.

What journalists do you like?

Part of me feels like I became a pop music critic because I was dissatisfied with what I read. I think the best music critic is *Village Voice* writer Vince Aletti—who's also my best friend. (Laughs.) Andrew Holleran, in *Dancer From the Dance*, has some of the best music journalism that's ever been printed. Simon Frith and Richard Goldstein are favorites. Greil Marcus is good, but that generation of rock critics had to prove rock music could be intellectual and that they could compete with the semiotic brats. So I'm not as critical of them as I would be of someone who might be stylish but have disgusting politics.

Don Baird is my favorite local writer. He's really got a voice. The hardest thing as a writer is to break through the fact that you're writing. The best writing makes it seem like you're talking to someone, in an ideal way. And Don does that. He's the most consistently smart, entertaining writer in San Francisco—including the straight press.

I'm sure she'll send you the check next week, dear.

(Laughs.)

So, what exactly is "gay sensibility" to you?

Well, there are gay *sensibilities*, plural. I see guys working their camouflage fatigue drag and hanging out in bars with sandbags in front—and that is not my gay sensibility whatsoever. *My* gay sensibility would be to run into a bar like that and scream, in drag, throwing flowers and glitter!

My gay sensibility is more in touch with outsider and feminine archetypes. When I was trying to formulate who I was, gay signifiers were feminine and outrageous and controversial.

Also, I look at gay sensibility as the sensibility of artistry. Throughout history, many of the great avant garde artists have been gay. A lot of mainstream culture goes back to gay sensibility. It's stuff that's usually borne of the pain of not belonging—within the family, within the culture. It's a pain of almost not believing that you belong in your body.

Who represented those gay archetypes when you were growing up?

Elton John, David Bowie. A lot of stuff that attracted me to the Beatles and the Monkees was *so* gay, *so* campy. The Monkees were these cute boys who lived together, hung out together, traded clothes together (laughs), probably went to the same hair guru together—

And probably slept together.

And probably slept together! Living in a really screwed-up home, that was a fabulous ideal for me.

The Partridge Family was another weird fantasy: a family that was a rock group. There was no patriarch in that family.

The only male, Ruben Kincaid, was a sort of hapless misfit.

Right. And he was sort of a queen anyway. (Laughs.)

David Cassidy was all about that androgynous boy thing in the '70s.

Right. I was an overweight kid, and he was really skinny. He had long hair, which was totally *verboten* in Rochester. And he dressed fabulously!

Musically, there was Roxy Music, Gary Glitter, the Sweet. Black music at that time was also very camp, whereas white radio music was pretty bland. Black music recognized the women's movement. Meanwhile, the men sang in falsetto, and in harmony. It was like men being vulnerable together.

I wasn't the slightest bit interested in the Allman Bros. or Lynrd Skynrd. I was more interested in songs, and vocals, and things I could sing along to and lose myself in. I could not lose myself in zillion-hour guitar solos.

So who are those gay archetypal people today?

It's more complicated now. I think of Marky Mark as a gay archetype, even though he's straight, because he's *really* willing to put himself out as a sexual object. He's saying, "Groove on my body." That's what gay people are always saying.

Who else? k.d. lang, Morrissey, Pet Shop Boys, Erasure. Depeche Mode—even if they're not gay. Queen Latifah, De La Soul, Deee-Lite. House divas like Kym Mazelle and Loleatta Holloway. A lot of these people are closet cases, so it's complicated.

I'm more critical of people like Morrissey than I am of Deee-Lite, because Morrissey *is* gay, and he should own up to it. This isn't 1983 any more, where celibacy seemed like a logical conclusion, given AIDS.

To me, Morrissey's celibacy might have been about AIDS, but it was also about denial: celibacy instead of *being gay. What kind of message is that for the teenagers who worship him?*

Well, when everyone else is pushing sex down your throat, here's this guy, who's *so* sexy it *hurts*, saying he's celibate. That's fabulous. But ten years of it, and knowing full well that no one could be celibate and sane that long, and meanwhile be pushing gay iconography even more furiously than hets push their agenda—then, I think it's really hypocritical. And I feel *sorry* for him; I think he should see a therapist *immediately*.

What's the difference for gays in music in the three years you've been writing at the Examiner*?*

This isn't to flatter myself, but what I'm doing, the mainstream media are starting to catch up with. They're starting to credit their sources. Suddenly, everyone's just knocked over by the fact that Madonna gets a lot of her ideas from gay men and women. Shock, shock, shock! But really she's been doing this all along.

There *are* more openly gay people in music. The fact that Voice Farm are openly gay, that Gary Floyd from Sister Double Happiness is openly gay—I mean, "openly gay" is a complicated phrase, but he's not hiding. To me, the Pet Shop Boys are not really hiding, either. They just don't say, "We are gay."

Which is kind of annoying—

—and kind of understandable. I go through phases of being sympathetic to them and really furious with them.

Well, the standard response is, "My sexuality is my sexuality; I don't want to make an issue out of it." My response is, "It's 1991: You've got *to make an issue out of it." Maybe in 20 years we won't have to, but that's the whole point of making an issue out of it now—especially if your fucking audience is* gay.

Oh, yeah. It's *always* an issue, whether they admit it or not.

So let's talk about Madonna—for a change. What does she mean to you?

She's living out my fantasy of what I want to do—make great pop records, be a personality, say really smart things in a really funny way that draws people in rather than turns them off.

Would you like to be as famous as she is?

Yes, because you become immortal. I'm the last of my family line: There aren't going to be any more Walters. I feel a great push to leave behind something. I think Madonna has left behind the better parts of '80s popular culture.

But Madonna's not really immortal. She'll age and die.

Right. But she'll have left behind those great records, and *Truth or Dare*, and *Desperately Seeking Susan*. She'll have left behind the memories of what people did. Girls who were Madonna wannabes will look back very fondly on that obsession—I know I will. To provide people with that form of obsession and fantasy fulfillment is one of the greatest things you could do.

That kind of response—people coming up to you, even the fantasy of being as famous as Madonna—does that replace something else?

Oh, sure. That kind of fame is like meaning something to your parents that you can never mean.

My parents were never quite there, in the same way that Madonna's mother really *wasn't* [she died when Madonna was five]. So it's like society becomes this parental figure that you want to please, in the absence of someone real and concrete in your family. I'm sure that a lot of my desire to *be* somebody in the world has to do with the fact that I felt like nobody in my family.

How has that changed over time?

It's really complicated. I feel like I write to make good writing. That's the first agenda, always. It's hard to say I just write for myself,

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WHAT'S GOING DOWN

BY LOUISE RAFKIN

The Forest and Trees (Changing Your Life)

You know how it is. First you don't see something that's right in front of your face and then all you can do is see it. I'm talking gaybashing. Sorry guys and gals, this column's not gonna tickle your funny bone.

Here in Provincetown things have gotten worse. Not the actual incidents of gay bashing, which, it seems—thankfully—have dropped off due to the outflux of visitors perhaps, but the town's reaction to the problem has been pretty poor. And that's a generous assessment.

The local ACT UP and gay rights coalitions have put a measure before the town council that in essence, condemns hate crimes and states that the town and police of Provincetown won't tolerate gaybashing. The measure, a political move, is an attempt to bring awareness to the community—a good deal of the bashing is done by locals—and also acts as a warning to outsiders as well as sets an example for other towns. Guess what: It didn't pass.

Yes, there's been an outcry, and it continues. The selectmen (town council) have their pitiful reasons why they couldn't endorse the one-line statement—ho, hum—and they sound suspiciously like those of our dear California governor when he recently slimed out of passing that anti-discrimination legislation.

But gee whiz, folks, what skin is it off their backs to sign anything promoting fairness and outlawing violence? Apparently I needn't ask.

Meanwhile, I read about more and more hate crimes, gay bashing, harassments. And it's all over. I read gay 'zines from everywhere. It's scary. It's sick. Sure, you have the huge ones like that Dahmer guy, but you've also got the "little" ones that grace the inside pages of every local gay mag. And then there are the small indictments for local boys gone bad and beating up queers. Two months here, probation there. Fines. Slaps on the wrists.

In Houston police recently set up gay "decoys" to snag bashers after the beating and stabbing of a local man, and within hours the undercover cops had been sprayed with chemical mace. Several days later another officer was attacked with a baseball bat while others were harassed by another gang of youngsters. The sting operation attracted so much publicity—along with so much "success"—that it has been temporarily suspended, but will resume when the dust settles.

We all know more: our own stories, and those of others who haven't reported the "simple" anti-gay slur thrown out a car window, the muttered under the breath comment, the "all you need is a good man" attitude so often tossed toward lesbians. All of this is underpinning to the more serious beatings.

What's my point? Yeah, you know all this. I'm not sure (as always). I recently started teaching a self-defense class here in town geared for gays and lesbians. It's been interesting. Of course—why of course?—the girls turned out in larger numbers, but the boys came as well. They haven't had to take self-defense as seriously as we women have been forced to. It's been amazing.

We've all learned a lot in the class. I've learned about differences between teaching gay men and lesbians. Women have more experience in self-defense, not surprisingly—more skills of deflection. They're less likely to turn around, yell an obscenity, or start a fight. Often women can slide sideways out of a possible assault situation with humor, assertiveness, or even feminine wiles. Men, on the other hand, are pretty much in a crisis situation as soon as any verbal harassment begins.

I've seen how men haven't benefited from the assertiveness that many lesbians have acquired through experience and hard knocks. When Dave Ford wrote recently on "Gay Men and Their Roaming Hands" I was amazed to learn of the boundaries that are continually crossed in the world of gay cruising. I read about men who felt victimized by other men's "crotch-grabbing" and other sexual come-ons. It was interesting to see that men let other men sexualize them for some of the same reasons women traditionally have been unable to say no: "I thought that was the way you met people," one man said. Sure, sexuality is a big reason we're all reading this magazine, a big part of our lives, but boundaries are what saying no to any form of assault is all about.

One man in my class came in this week and said that after last week's class he had broken up with his lover of several years because he had learned to say no. That his self-esteem, which is indeed self-defense, had grown to the point where he realized he no longer wanted to be in the relationship. A chill went up my spine. Another woman talked about how she was able to conduct a business deal differently after getting in touch with her right to defend herself. Over the week, we have yelled, kicked, punched, fought full contact on a "padded attacker." Everyone has been incredibly brave.

In some ways I'm not surprised that we're hearing of so much violence now. I think it's always gone on, but now, as people, individuals and as communities, we are prouder. We have more self-esteem. We aren't so willing to let anybody push us around.

Everybody should take a self-defense class. It will change your life. It can change our world.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Pro Choice Rally Draws 10,000

BY VAL C. PHOENIX

PRO CHOICE AND PROUD was the theme for a rally held in San Francisco on Oct. 5, and an estimated 10,000 turned out to express their support for reproductive rights.

Between noon, when the march stepped off from Justin Herman Plaza, and 4:15, when the rally concluded, a host of speakers addressed the crowd at the Civic Center, laying out the issues and imploring people to get involved in the struggle to safeguard the rights already won.

The timing of the march was partially influenced by a series of ominous rulings from the Supreme Court that are slowly chipping away at Roe v. Wade, as well as the confirmation hearings of Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas. Ann Menasche, a lesbian who worked on organizing the march, said, "It's important that we be out in the streets and visible...The enemies are the same. Abortion and lesbian and gay issues are on the right wing's agenda."

Throughout the afternoon's speeches, some themes emerged. One was of the particular risks common to both poor women and women of color. Luce Alvarez Martinez, a board member of the National Abortion Rights Action League, explained, "Choice is meaningless to many women who are without access to information...affordable birth control, prenatal care, access to fertility services...and freedom from sterilization abuse." She concluded "Why is the government trying to control women? I don't know of any laws that are specific to men."

Brenda Lien, of ACT UP/Golden Gate, sounded the theme of an intersection of interests in the AIDS and pro-choice movements. She cited the withholding of RU 486 and unavailability of AIDS drugs for women as examples of the government's lack of response to women's health concerns.

Several speakers mentioned Gov. Wilson's veto of AB101 and called for unity among oppressed groups to beat back attacks on their rights. Brenda Cummings of BACORR (Bay Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights) concluded her speech by declaring "We must have health care... and no discrimination, Pete Wilson!"

Jennifer Thompson, a media spokesperson for the sponsoring Bay Area Pro Choice Coalition, said that a broad coalition of union groups, lesbian and gay groups, and ethnic groups had endorsed and worked on the event. The lineup of speakers, all women, reflected coalition politics. A speaker from NOW followed a speaker from the Revolutionary Workers League, who had just castigated NOW as a "sellout" organization.

In the past, the pro-choice movement has struggled with its acceptance of lesbians, sometimes downplaying lesbians' contributions, while benefiting from their work. Menasche, addressing the contradiction, said, "A lot of women don't speak out about [being lesbians] or are totally closeted about it...We need to make the environment safe so women feel comfortable about being out."

The march to the rally, along Market Street, was a mixture of festivity and anger. Two women dressed as male preachers walked on stilts among the crowd, thumping their Bibles and asking, "Are you sinners?" Signs reading "Free Choice Now!" and "Defend Roe v. Wade" attested to the milder demands. A more militant stance was taken by those who chanted, "Civil rights or civil war. We won't take this shit no more!" The chant that perhaps summed up the day best was "Gay, straight. Black, white. All unite to fight the Right."

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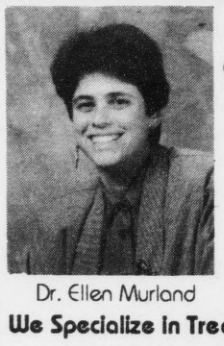

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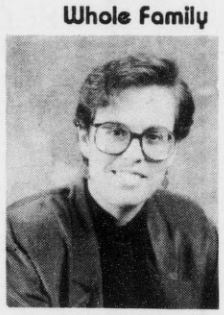

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for a presidential or vice-presidential nomination. "I think he made a calculated political decision to look beyond California, where the gay community is strong, and to look to the National Republican Party, where the gay community is not strong at all."

Others contend that Wilson's view is even more shortsighted than those presidential theories. They charge he simply vetoed the bill to buy time for his chosen senatorial candidate, John Seymour. The theory is that if Seymour is to get elected then Wilson needs, if not the support, at least the tacit neutrality of the far right. That neutrality is needed to defuse the threat of a senatorial bid from William Dannemeyer.

McBride says, "Wilson should have followed his first instinct, by shoving the right wing out. The Republican Party could have become the majority party, not only in California, but throughout the country." Instead, the Republicans have ended up alienating many of their potential supporters, particularly in the gay community and among straight liberals. Binder says the party is now aligned even further to the extreme right than it was before. Bottini believes both Wilson and the Republican Party have totally miscalculated. "I don't think he expected this backlash. I think he figured we would be nice," states Bottini.

"What he miscalculated was that since he began making these promises, we have lost a lot of people to AIDS," says Bottini. "We have been ignored for our health needs and basic protection around the disease. We have been persecuted all over the place for the disease. He miscalculated the anger that was building up, and he just happened to be the one who tapped it... I think he sabotaged his own career, and the Republican Party has been badly hurt by this—much to my joy."

Bowman simply does not buy that theory. Bowman asserts the veto was a political decision to save the moderate wing of the party and head off a takeover by the far right. Bowman has two theories about the veto. First, he suspects that had Wilson signed AB101, extreme right-wing legislators would have cut a deal with House Speaker Willie Brown in the upcoming redistricting of legislative districts, to guarantee a few safe extreme right seats, at the expense of moderate Republicans. In that way, a Democratic majority would be maintained in the state Legislature, and moderate Republicans would be shut out of the redistricting process.

Bowman personally favors a second theory: Had Wilson signed AB101, it would have brought all the fundamentalists out to the polls to elect fundamentalist candidates. These fundamentalists would probably have appeared at the polls to support an anti-gay rights initiative that Lou Sheldon was threatening to put on the ballot if AB101 was signed. Bowman argues that by keeping the fundamentalists at home, Wilson could maintain the razor-thin majority that moderate Republicans hold in the Republican caucuses in the State Legislature. That would leave what Bowman calls the "rational Republicans" in charge of the party machine. Thus, when the redistricting of California is eventually carried out, moderate Republicans will be in the cat-bird seat. They will then be able to eject the far right from the party.

Outside California, gays and lesbians have been keeping close tabs on events in the Golden State. Urvashi Vaid, director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, likens the impact of the veto to a cold bracing shower, reminding lesbian/gay activists nationwide that even in California—oft regarded as a national haven—significant and stunning defeats can still occur. She says, "It is a terrible blow that makes us remember how far we have yet to march."

The veto of AB101 was a calculated move made because Wilson thought the risks of abandoning the lesbian/gay community were less than the benefits to both his career and the Republican Party's electoral viability by vetoing AB101. Vaid, who is speaking at the Sacramento March on Oct. 11, states, "History will show that was a terrible miscalculation on his part. It is our job as lesbian/gay activists to write that history."

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BY DAVE FORD

It Is Hard to Believe

It is hard to believe—but true—that in tiny Kamphael, Germany, a 289-year-old nobleman's corpse is a tourist attraction because it has never decomposed (said a local pastor: "People are so fascinated because the whole thing is macabre, obscene, cruel, grisly and maybe even a little erotic—all those things dear to the German heart"); that at Klubstitute a few weeks back, Miss Kitty so sensitively hailed the noble—and corpse-like—Patsy Cline ("She's a mess—I mean, she's *fabulous!*"); that convicted mass murderer Richard Farley really wasn't, um, *all there* when he Schwarzenegger'd into Sunnyvale's ESL Inc. with 98 pounds of guns and ammo ("He turned his back on reality in order to create his own fantasy," his lawyer said); and that noisy rehearsals by rap star Hammer (*ne* MC Hammer) infuriated his Fremont neighbors ("That music did something to me," said one. "I don't do drugs, but I felt like I was on 'em").

It is hard to believe—but true.

WILSON'S FILLIPS

It is also still hard to believe—but true—that California Gov. Pete Wilson vetoed AB101. (He doesn't do drugs, but it *looked* like he was on 'em.) Apparently, he turned his back on reality in order to create his own fantasy—namely, that fringe fundamentalists speak for the majority of Californians.

Mainstream press coverage of the Sept. 30 SF and LA "riots" included Oct. 1 *SF Examiner*, Marin *Independent-Journal*, San Jose *Mercury-News* and Oakland *Trib* p. 1 photos and stories. That day's *SF Chron* front-paged the veto, and detailed demos on A15. The *LA Times* jumped stories off p. 3; *USA Today* featured a p. 3 report (and a front-pager the next day on activists); and the *NY Times* West Coast edition ran a p. A14 story on the politics of the veto that, in its third graf, noted "noisy demonstrations by homosexuals Sunday night in West Hollywood and San Francisco." No mention of Monday's conflagration here. (Kudos to the Oct. 3, formerly-Wilson-endorsing *Sentinel* for its too-little-too-late head: "Fuck You, Wilson!")

Amidst the macabre, the obscene, the cruel, the grisly and the erotic, no Billy Preston references.

Editorials in the Oct. 1 *Ex*, *Trib* and *Merc-News* denounced Wilson (the currently-Wilson-endorsing *Chron* editorialized against the lack of AIDS-battle strategy and leadership, ignoring the Wilson veto). *Trib* editorial pull-quote: "From the simple joke and snide comment to the vicious hate crime, prejudice against gays is an everyday fact of life."

Ultimately, the coverage was free advertising for queer rage: a moving and visceral outburst made real for Mr. and Ms. America.

MORSE, JORDAN: IF THE SHOE FITS...

The coverage turned up some surprises, too. It is hard to believe (but true): *Examiner* columnist Rob Morse wrote Oct. 1 that by vetoing the bill, "Wilson has bashed gays." Morse also scorned the "dysfunctional Republican family" that thinks "stomping gays will keep radical-right Republicans from stomping Wilson." (She's a mess—I mean, she's *fabulous*!)

Frank Jordan has bashed gays. That's why it was so fun to see him, pale and crazed, splashed across front pages being chased from the Castro. Marc Sandalow's Oct. 2 *Chron* wrap-up on the incident quoted Jordan's bully-boy "225-pound campaign manager," Jack Davis, on demonstrators: "They weren't people I see at AIDS benefits...or in my gay bowling league. They were leather-clad, short-haired, ring-through-the-nose people who were hell-bent on creating a violent demonstration." (In other words, the protesters don't do drugs, but it *looked* like they were on 'em.)

Sandalow's smirking final graf undermines Davis's marginalizing snipes: "Meanwhile, protesters... said that Jordan's size-10 shoe, a black loafer, would be fitted with a high heel and used in a voodoo ritual."

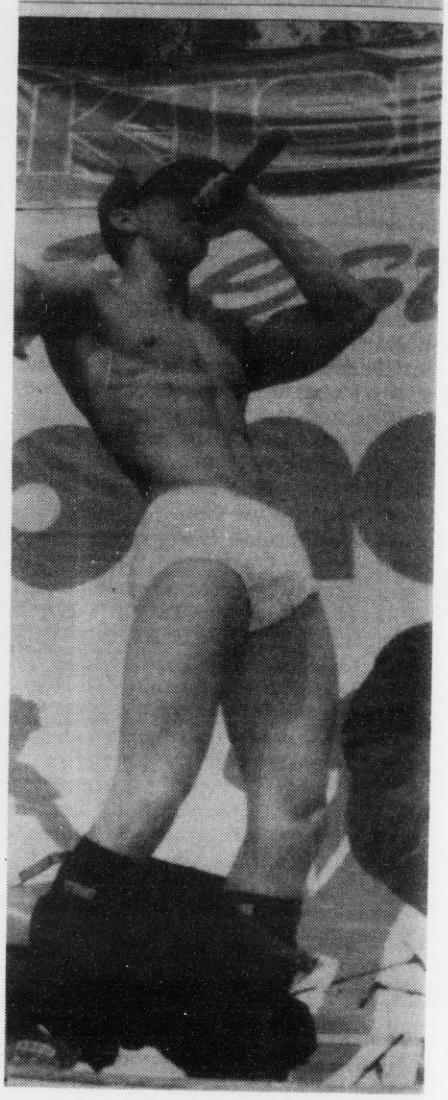
FOSTER CARE—*NOT*!

"It takes time to be an unconventional person in a terrifically conventional world..., to put yourself apart and say, 'I will be different, but I will be healthy,' " film star and first-time director Jodie Foster tells the *SF Chron*'s Judy Stone.

Is Foster *finally* coming out? Alas, no. She's speaking of a character in her new film. But she says she wants to do "stories that people have been saying nobody wants to see." Gay-themed ones? Alas, no. "My heroes are poor women trying desperately to raise five kids without any money," Foster maintains.

Even Stone acknowledges in the Sept. 10 piece that Foster may be turning her back on reality in order to create her own fantasy: "Foster is unmarried and emphatic in a low-key way about keeping her private life and public life separate." The story's final-joke head: "Honesty Is Jodie Foster's Policy."

▼ Sizzling rapper **Marky Mark Wahlberg** (Donnie's brother) made the understatement of the year at Mexican Independence Day celebration in East L.A. His new single, No. 2 on *Billboard*'s Top 10 chart, is titled "Good Vibrations."



THEY'RE WHITE, THEY'RE COTTON, THEY'RE—*MMMMMM*!

The 289-year-old syndicated gossipeuse Liz "She's a Mess—I Mean, She's *Fabulous*!" Smith buzzed Sept. 24 about *People*'s "full-length photo of Marky Mark... performing in concert with his pants around his ankles—stripped to his white Jockeys. Or Calvins."

Close perusal (see photo) suggests that Mark (New Kid Donnie Wahlberg's younger bro) is, in the vernacular, on the Calvins tip. (Jockeys have a thinner waistband and fit less snugly than Calvins.)

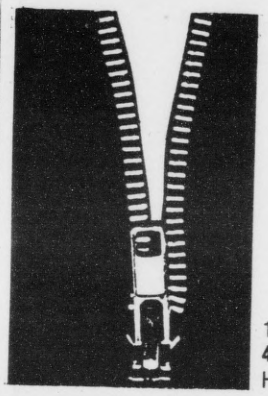
Mark—and *Write Stuff* briefs fetishists—ought note that Piqua, Ohio, home to 14 underwear manufacturers over the years, is collecting celebrities'—and others'—underthings to hang on what they hope will be a 10,000-plus-pair underpants clothesline. All this to celebrate the Oct. 11-13 Great Outdoor Underwear Festival. (I am so fascinated, because the whole thing is obscene, cruel—and maybe even a little erotic.) Organizers didn't specify how—or if—garments should be laundered. Use your discretion.

TEECH: YOUR CHILDREN

It is hard to believe—but true—that young men in underwear are a vital part of the new CBS sitcom *Teech*, in which an African American music teacher finds hilarity with a group of privileged prep schoolers.

In the Sept. 18 premiere, guys lounging in a dorm room sported blue Jockeys and boxers. When a female teacher suggested they "use your imaginations" about her undergarments, they quickly crossed their hands in front of their (presumably rising) crotches. (The laugh track roared.)

A fellow teacher asked the woman why she dressed in miniskirts "in a school full of adolescents." She replied (obscenely, cruelly—and maybe even a little erotically): "I like the sound of expanding khaki in the evenings."



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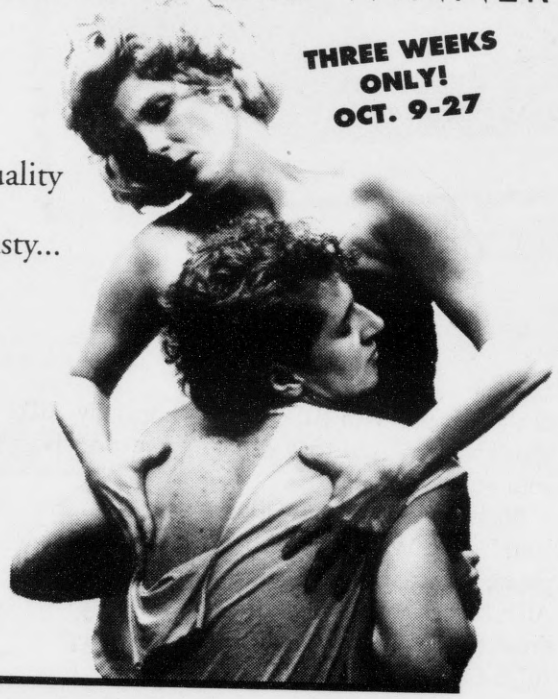

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WELL, BUT, ER, UM... ANYWAY....

Sex, TV, homosexuality: all those things dear to a well-intentioned actor's waffling heart.

In a Sept. 20 *Entertainment Tonight* report on an episode of the NBC series *Dear John*, in which a womanizing man learns his ex-wife's a lesbian, actress Kate McNeil (the ex-wife) said: "If even one person learns [from the show] that being gay is not necessarily evil, that's a good thing." (Mess or *fabulous*: you decide.)

That's a praising-with-faint-damnation thing, especially in light of actor Judd Hirsch's subsequent comment: "We wouldn't do obnoxious [gay] jokes, because we'd probably be shot down before we even got onscreen."

NO "LEAP" OF FAITH

Quavering over possible advertiser pullouts, NBC last week shot down a *Quantam Leap* episode dealing with a gay teen's suicide before it even got onscreen—or in front of cameras. "Teen suicide is one area where the copycat phenomenon can come into play," NBC Standards VP Rosalyn Weinman told the Oct. 1 *NY Times*. (She doesn't do drugs....)

QL executive producer Donald Bellisario demurred: "The fact is it was the homosexual subject matter [NBC was] afraid of."

Paradoxically, it turns out the script "had all kinds of gay bashing in it," Weinman said. (...It just *sounded* like she was on 'em.) Added GLAAD-LA executive director Richard Jennings, "NBC may have had legitimate standards reasons for opposing this episode."

BUM ME UP, SCOTTIE

For the next (televised) generation, being gay is not only *not* necessarily evil, it's downright *natural*. *SF Examiner* science correspondent Keay Davison wrote Sept. 15 that "the occasional sight... of two men or two women doing something, such as holding hands, [will] unmistakably say: 'We're homosexual—and who cares?' "

Sadly, this will happen in 24th century outer space. Happily, it'll appear on imminent fall episodes of *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. "We agree that dealing with this issue is an important thing to do," *Star Trek* executive producer Rick Berman told Davison.

MILK FOR ALL ITS WORTH

For some in the next generation of (non-evil) gays/lesbians, New York's Harvey Milk School provides a gay-positive high school environment away from gay-bashers' bats.

Not so's you'd know, from *Examiner* N.Y. bureau reporter Greg B. Smith's stereotypic, subtly sneering lead on his Sept. 30 story on the school: "Paulo, a junior, comes to high school wearing fuchsia lipstick, eye shadow and bracelets on both wrists. Asked to describe himself, he answers simply, 'I'm a transvestite.' Welcome to the Harvey Milk School...."

The otherwise fair story describes controversy dogging the school—to segregate gay teens, or not?—and ends with Paulo: "I feel comfortable being who I am." Would that Smith did too.

SPURTS

- *New York Times* reporter Bruce Weber's too-too hep Sept. 15 Sean Penn profile says the director's voice "has the nasal quality one associates with the stoned." (In other words—it just *sounds* like he's on 'em.)
- *Examiner* Style copy editors: reality or fantasy? The one-star head on Larry Hatfield's Sept. 19 review of Curt Gentry's J. Edgar Hoover bio: "*Herbert* Hoover: Law and Order." (My italics.)
- Interoffice memo to DB: Metallica drummer Lars Ulrich told the Sept. 25 *SF Weekly* that "[People] always overlook the vital fact that we do things differently because we're three years older.... In rock and roll, aging is this big taboo subject."
- Column itches: On the Sept. 10 *Village Voice* cover: "The Write Stuff: Seven Authors Talk About Their Work." On the Sept. 8 *SF Chron* Sunday Datebook cover: "Losing the Write Stuff: Barton Fink, A Hollywood Scribe's Nightmare."
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AIDS TREATMENT NEWS

BY JOHN S. JAMES

Nutrition and AIDS

Nutrition, the most malnourished branch of Western medicine, is one of the hardest to address. The field is vast and amorphous, filled with science and speculation, and with wildly conflicting voices. Viewed from a distance, it seems to offer a choice between an establishment which can be credible to the point of being useless, or, on the other hand, one's personal pick of poorly supported theories and fads.

A closer look shows a core of agreement—perhaps enough to allow the AIDS community to develop some common framework for discussing the details, and for organizing community action when necessary. It is widely agreed that malnutrition is a very serious problem in AIDS, part of a vicious circle in which HIV disease contributes to malnutrition, which in turn contributes to disease progression. There is considerable agreement on the list of specific nutrients for which AIDS-related deficiencies have been documented. And some areas of disagreement have a fairly clear spectrum of opinion; for example, conservative physicians may use food supplements only sparingly if at all, or only late in disease progression, while more aggressive approaches can include vitamin, mineral and other food supplements, almost as soon as persons know they are HIV-positive.

There is less consensus on using nutrients to treat particular disease conditions (other than deficiency of the nutrient). Examples of this approach include: lysine, an amino acid used as an "underground" herpes treatment; and garlic, used as an antimicrobial. We suspect that more could be done with nutrients as therapy. Food components are usually inexpensive and available, and often safer than manufactured chemicals, since they have been in the human body for millions of years.

It may be especially important now for the AIDS community to explore this area and develop consensus on what are and are not reasonable approaches, because of increasing efforts by federal authorities and others to restrict access to amino acids and other nutrients now widely available in health-food stores. Food components could be engulfed by monopoly medicine, to return years later as pharmaceuticals, at ten to a hundred times the price. The AIDS community must decide if it is interested, and if so, make sure that any restrictions imposed are based on legitimate safety concerns, not on commercial interests or the will to power.

This article provides an overview of some information sources which may be useful. We have not surveyed the field or made any effort to be complete. We expect and welcome suggestions and criticisms.

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"MAINSTREAM" VIEWS

• ***Surviving With AIDS:*** *A Comprehensive Program of Nutritional Co-Therapy, by C. Wayne Callaway, M.D., with Catherine Whitney (1991, $14.95, Little, Brown and Company, Boston).* This short book appears to be an excellent first source for information about nutrition. Dr. Callaway is an internist and endocrinologist in private practice in Washington, D.C., and former director of the Mayo Clinic Nutrition Clinic and the Center for Clinical Nutrition at George Washington University Medical Center; he has worked with people with AIDS, focusing on nutrition, in private practice and with the Whitman-Walker Clinic in Washington, D.C.

Surviving With AIDS is easy to read, and yet should be useful to physicians as well as persons with AIDS. The following section from the introduction explains its purpose and philosophy:

> *Surviving With AIDS* was born out of the expressed need of both the PWAs and their caretakers. The nutritional program outlined in this book will provide a critical missing link in current AIDS therapies. It is designed as a co-therapy; that is, its effectiveness is demonstrated only when it is used hand in hand with established medical treatments.
>
> This co-therapy addresses the threefold dietary problem experienced by PWAs: insufficient intake, poor nutrient absorption, and abnormal nutrient metabolism—and it does so in a highly personalized way...
>
> The co-therapy outlined in this book is not a "Band-Aid" solution. Its implications are far more significant. As time goes on, we are seeing more lasting results from nutritional approaches in the treatment of AIDS. There is good reason to believe that we may substantially prolong quality-filled life by developing more rational nutritional support. With this co-therapy, the verdict may be changed from "fatal disease" to "manageable chronic disease."

A major focus of the book is control of diarrhea, often with a low-fat diet, which may be designed for the patient by Dr. Callaway's nutritionist. Treatment may also include "a resin to bind to the bile salts in the intestine and prevent them from being acted upon by bacteria"; examples are the prescription drugs cholestyramine (Questran or Cholybar) or colestipol (Colestid), which are usually used for reducing cholesterol level. Dr. Callaway recommends discontinuing these drugs if there is no improvement within one week. This treatment is not in widespread use; it should be considered by other physicians. Dr. Callaway uses drugs like Lomotil and Imodium only on a very short-term basis.

The book also suggests other nutritional approaches to diarrhea, including checking for lactose intolerance. Non-nutritional approaches, such as treatment of gastrointestinal infections, are mentioned, but the details are beyond the scope of this book.

Many other nutritional therapies are discussed, including treatment of conditions which cause pain when eating or otherwise restrict food intake, and blood tests for specific nutrient deficiencies which can then be corrected.

Lists and tables include causes of pain or difficulty in swallowing, gastrointestinal infectious organisms, immune effects of specific nutrient deficiencies, complications from tube feeding, drug-nutrient interactions, organizations to contact, and books and articles for further information. There are sections on nutritional self-assessment, and special diet instructions for reducing diarrhea, for mouth or esophagus problems, for nausea and food intolerance, for drug-induced nausea, and for loss of appetite. A short food-safety section covers food preparation, restaurants and traveling. There are over 50 pages of food plans and recipes.

One notable list is five nutritional therapies which Dr. Callaway considers "particularly harmful": macrobiotic diet, vitamin/mineral megadoses, yeast-free diets, the "immune power" diet, and the "maximum immunity" diet.

The book also has a chapter on suggestions for future research, and a reprint of an article by Donald Kotler, M.D., and colleagues on wasting and AIDS. It includes an extensive index and glossary.

Surviving With AIDS is so new that we have not yet seen how it will be evaluated by patients or professionals. It is now appearing in bookstores, but no one we talked to by press time had yet seen a copy.

• ***Nutrition and HIV Infection****, prepared by Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology under contract for the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, FDA (1990; an extensive literature review of what is known about HIV and nutrition; $15 from: FASEB, Special Publications, Room #2310, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814).* This report is not organized as a practical guide, and will be more useful to physicians and researchers than to most patients. But some "alternative treatment" activists see its publication as important, despite the report's establishment origin, because it brings together the existing scientific justification for various nutritional approaches, and makes the science more accessible than before.

We consider the report important for the AIDS treatment community because it will contribute to building the common framework within which

over the previous situation in which many different ideas floated around without talking much to each other, and people often chose nutritional theories according to personal taste and did their own thing independently. A common framework will contribute to research progress, and also to community defense against access restrictions when such defense is necessary. And the only solid authority for anchoring this common framework is the scientific literature.

[And yet it is remarkable how little good science is available in many areas of interest in nutrition and HIV. It is not surprising, perhaps, that a research system which can barely manage competent trials of pharmaceutical products would have trouble with nutrition, which can be scientifically more difficult to study than drugs, while offering less commercial incentive. A cynic might say that animal nutrition (for agriculture) would never be neglected as badly as human nutrition often has been, because animals are profitable when they are healthy, while humans are profitable when they are ill.]

After an overview of HIV infection and of nutrition, the report goes into extensive technical material on the effects of HIV infection on nutritional state. Topics covered in detail include weight loss, body composition, circulating proteins and lipids, deficiencies in vitamins and minerals, and several causes of malnutrition: reduced food intake, drug-nutrient interactions, malabsorption and altered metabolism.

The next chapter, on the effects of nutritional state on HIV infection, begins with a look at the "striking similarity" in immune deficiency between AIDS, and protein-energy malnutrition caused by inadequate diet. A table shows the immune-system effects of deficiencies of a number of individual nutrients. Clinical effects of malnutrition are then examined; some of the studies discussed documented clinical improvements following treatments to correct particular deficiencies. Nutritional intervention trials, described in a separate subchapter, gave specific nutrients orally or by injection, or by enteral feeding (usually by a tube to the stomach), or by parenteral feeding (usually intravenously).

A chapter on nutrition practices in the HIV community cites research showing that nutrition support is often neglected in hospitals, despite the physicians' intellectual belief that nutrition was important. Ninety-three percent of AIDS health care providers responding to one survey said nutrition support was important—but only 44 percent of the hospitalized patients received it. Only 20 percent of the hospitals had a nutritional management protocol for AIDS. Another survey found little use of enteral or parenteral feeding in hospitals, even though patients' weight loss during stays in those hospitals averaged 16 percent.

The same chapter also includes a long list of "unproven nutritional therapies and unconventional diets," usually but not always emphasizing possible toxicity or other problems.

An extensive literature review on nutrition for infants and children with AIDS includes practical advice on food choice, food safety, and enteral and parenteral nutrition.

The report includes a nine-page appendix, "Practical Considerations in Nutritional Management of HIV-Infected Patients." About 400 published articles are cited.

"ALTERNATIVE" APPROACHES: USING NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS

The following papers propose treatments which diverge from the mainstream represented above, yet have some scientific support. They tell how to use nutritional supplements, often in large doses—which many physicians would discourage.

Our own view is that much is still unknown about nutrition and AIDS, and no one has final answers. Our guess is that some of the therapies proposed below will prove to be useful, most will be useless, and some may be harmful; many if not most of them may have quite different effects in different people. During the five years that we have reported on experimental AIDS/HIV treatments, our consistent impression has been that the best strategy, in the absence of definitive science, has been to try rational treatment options, keeping the ones which seem to work for oneself and discarding those which seem not to. The result may be an individual plan which would not work for people in general, but that is OK. It may also contain useless treatments which were accepted because of placebo effect, but that also is no

dossier. Naturally it makes sense to choose safer, more conservative treatments when possible.

Earlier in this article we mentioned the need for developing a community-wide framework or overview, based on the medical and scientific literature, to support rational discussion of nutritional therapy options. Such community dialogue would help evaluate treatments such as those mentioned below, to decide what is sensible now in view of existing knowledge. The same dialogue would help us advocate for the research needed to support better decisions in the future.

The papers described below contain much specific treatment information, such as doses. We chose not to include these specifics here, but instead to give an overview of what each paper covers, and tell how you can get it for yourself.

It is important to discuss any nutritional supplements you plan to use with your physician, because there could be drug interactions or other health reasons for you to avoid certain ones, or to take other precautions.

• ***Therapeutic Basics for People** Living with HIV Infection* (7 pages) and *Choosing Supplements—Quality vs. Cost* (1 page), both by Lark Lands, Ph.D. *Therapeutic Basics* was designed by Dr. Lands to answer the questions people asked her in her role of nutritional consultant. It includes information on a long list of specific nutrients, all but the first in alphabetical order: multiple vitamin and mineral supplement; vitamin A; acidophilus; ascorbate therapy (vitamin C); vitamin B-6; vitamin B-12 and folic acid; beta carotene or carotene complex; bioflavonoids; blue green algae; calcium; choline; co-enzyme Q10; copper sebacate; DMG (n-n-dimethylglycine or B-15); vitamin E; essential fatty acids (EFA); glandulars; inositol; iron; magnesium; molybdenum; monolaurin; N-acetylcysteine (NAC); pantothenic acid; quercetin; selenium; and zinc.

Each item has a short rationale, often only two or three sentences, along with a suggested dose. But there is not much information on how to go about deciding which supplements to use. We suggest getting advice from various sources, including one's physician, about these treatment possibilities.

To obtain a copy of *Therapeutic Basics* and *Choosing Supplements*, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Carl Vogel Foundation, 1413 K Street NW, 14th floor, Washington, D.C. 20005-3405, (202) 289-4898.

• **Joan C. Priestley, M.D.,** in Los Angeles has developed a protocol of nutritional supplements: vitamin C; vitamin A (beta carotene); vitamin E; NAC; multivitamin/mineral (Jarrow Pack); quercetin; evening primrose oil; garlic; SSKI (potassium iodide); and B-complex injections. She reported recently on 83 patients who had used this protocol for an average of 13 months. The results appear to be good, with an average decline of T-helper cells of 9.4 during that time, and average weight loss of less than one pound. Eight of the 83 patients have died; six of the eight began the treatment with an AIDS-defining illness.

Dr. Priestley does not recommend AZT, although some of her patients use it. Her advice differs from the mainstream in other ways also. We are not able to evaluate her program, and do not have recommendations for or against. We sought out Dr. Priestley because she has followed the research on HIV and nutrition, a subject most physicians have overlooked.

To obtain a copy of Dr. Priestley's protocol on nutrient therapy, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Joan C. Priestley, M.D., 7080 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 603, Los Angeles 90028.

• **Donald E. Knapp**, a long-term AIDS survivor in San Francisco, has published *HIV—Nutritional Support*, a six-page write-up on the nutritional program he has developed for himself and recommends for others. He discusses how to pick a good vitamin and mineral supplement, on both a moderate and low budget. He also strongly recommends additional use of six nutrients: beta carotene; vitamin C; vitamin E; iron; lysine; and zinc. Total cost of the program is about $150 to $250 per year.

For a copy of *HIV—Nutritional Support*, send $3 ($2 if limited income) to: Don Knapp, 3677-A 19th Street, San Francisco 94110. The paper is also available at A Different Light Bookstore and Rainbow Grocery.

MAKING DECISIONS

The varied and often contradictory nutrition advice from different specialists shows the confusion prevalent in nutrition today, and the limited areas of widespread confidence and agreement. There are many different schools of thought even within the community which accepts the published scientific literature as its best available authority. More dialogue between the different viewpoints—as well as attention from mainstream physicians, and increased scientific research—will help reduce the confusion and improve the advice available.

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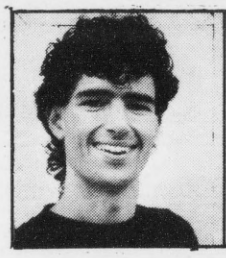

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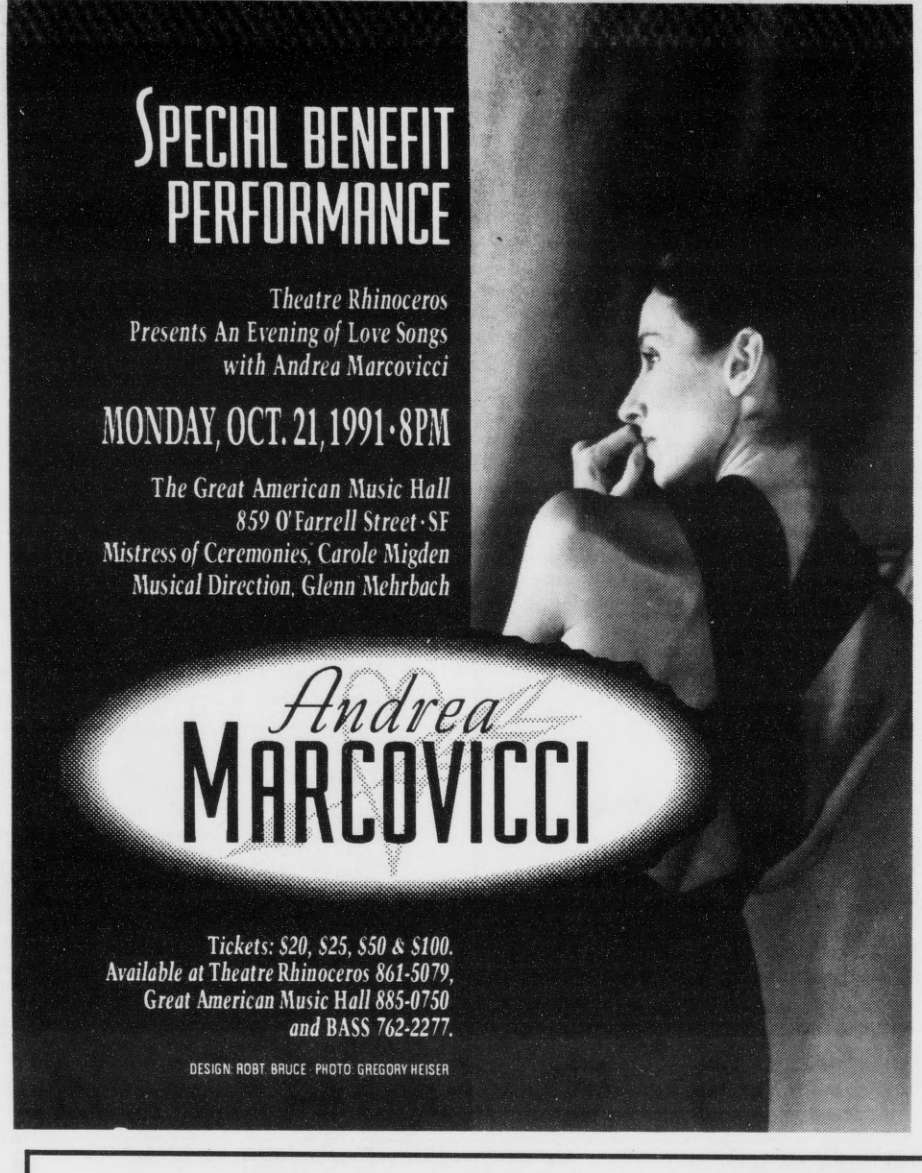
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Letters...

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believe in democracy. And I get burned.

I suspect that ideology had little to do with your decision. Certainly the merits of the bill had *nothing* to do with it. My guess is that the powers that be turned the screws and you capitulated. I wonder what role the White House played. None too noble, I'm sure. I think it's time *this* country had a democracy movement.

Though the practical impact of the bill was very important, it is the symbolic impact that frightens you and your kind. Even though lesbians and gays are subjected to enormous pressures, most of us follow our own hearts and don't waste our lives conforming to someone else's definition of who we should be. It is this fundamental self-determination and willingness to question authority that threatens you. You don't want a population that thinks for itself or acts on its feelings. So you work overtime at punishing diversity.

Yours was a violent act and sends a message to the impressionable that gays and lesbians are not part of the California family. They are "other" and as such are fair game for acts of violence of every magnitude. You could have nudged the world in a more loving direction—where one is judged solely on the quality of one's character. Instead, you committed a vile and craven act.

We will survive this nightmare because of the strength of our community. We thrive on a set of values that are obviously beyond your comprehension. And while it's galling you that you would have the nerve to deny us equal protection, our self-esteem is independent of any bones you might throw us. We will continue to fight the good fight long after your career as just another corrupt politician has expired.

Naphtali Offen
San Francisco

Gay Republicans: Wake Up And Smell The Coffee

Now that Gov. Wilson has shown his true colors by vetoing AB101, perhaps gay Republicans will finally wake up and smell the coffee. The gay community cannot rely on "moderate" Republicans even when they pledge their support, as Wilson has done in the past. Neither can we trust "leaders" of our own community who simultaneously promote Republican candidates and attempt to vilify progressive gay leaders, who are responsible for the few meager victories we can claim.

I was sickened when *The Sentinel* endorsed Pete Wilson for governor. I was pissed when they began a hateful attack on Harry Britt that lasted for weeks. Now, I feel contempt and anger for both Wilson *and* Ray Chalker, *Sentinel* publisher, who makes his living by bashing his own community and selling out to our enemies. Thanks, Ray. I think it's time to burn that log cabin.

By the way, it's interesting to note that only one mayoral candidate showed up Sunday night for the first demonstration after the veto announcement. Angela Alioto came down to the Castro to walk with us because she was as angry as anyone. Angela has stood with us for years, and no other candidate can come close to matching her commitment to our community and our causes. Last week's bizarre attack on her by Art Agnos and Chalker in *The Sentinel* only underscores the fact that we need a new mayor in this city, as well as a new newspaper. Agnos lost all credibility with me when he teamed up with Chalker. If the veto teaches us anything, it's that we need to support proven friends like Angela, not opportunistic politicians like Agnos and Wilson.

Rick Stryker
San Francisco

Gender Fuck

In your September issue ("Lounging About") Val C. Phoenix failed to mention in her review of the Queer Street Patrol benefit the performances of Billy de Herrera, God's Girlfriend and Glitter Doll.

This is not fair, neither for the performers nor for the readers. *SF Bay Times* is allegedly a "Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual newspaper and calendar for the Bay Area" so what's the deal?

Being purveyors of Gender-Fuck rock themselves, Glitter Doll has existed since 1986 in various carnate forms. Not mentioning a word about the fact Glitter Doll headlined the benefit is LAME and outraged me.

Frankie Purple
San Francisco

Who Is Dave Ford?

You'll have to forgive me. I mean, I've only been in the Bay Area a short time, so I may be asking a

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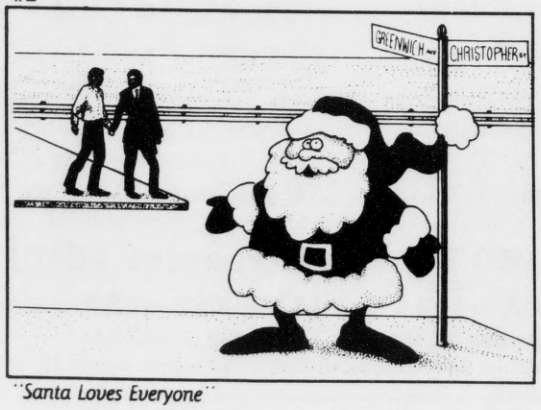

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question that's been asked many times before, but here goes: Is Dave Ford really Michelangelo Signorile writing under an assumed name?

That can be the only logical explanation for the atrociously written put-down of Rob Morse in the Sept. 26 issue ("Who's Bashing Now? Morse, Of Course!"). Ford's convoluted and extremely monotonous attempt to skewer Morse with "ironic wit" and "sarcasm" (at least I *think* that's what he was attempting) was merely a smokescreen to conceal the fact that he was unable to pen a cogent, logical argument against what Morse had to say.

Now, I don't agree with everything Rob Morse writes, but there must be a more intelligent way of engaging in debate than accusing anyone who disagrees with you of being a gay-basher—particularly when that person raises concerns about health that aren't that easily dismissed.

I have never been in the Church of the Secret Gospel, and while I'm not so stupid or selfish as to say that that makes it less of an issue, I am a little tired of the fact that your average, everyday, hard-working, taxpaying gay American must always be put in the position of defending people who frequent "sex clubs," or some other marginal aspect of what we actually refer to seriously as Gay Culture. It may come as a surprise to Mr. Ford, but an awful lot of gay people don't buy into the notion that anything someone in the community does is automatically good.

Of course people should be allowed to do whatever they want with their own bodies, as long as no one else gets hurt—that, I seem to recall, was the whole point of Gay Liberation many moons ago—but does unsafe sex come under that heading? Especially if people refuse to police themselves? I realize there's a slippery slope involved here (just how far *are* people allowed to go before authority steps in?), but there was a time when our community refused to even acknowledge that AIDS was a problem (and the gay press, terrified at the thought of losing ad revenues, was a major promoter of the "there is no crisis" line).

Is this what we need, Dave—with Wilson looking for an excuse not to sign AB 101, and the fundies gearing up in case he does—a public forum on the sex practices of a very small portion of our community that will result in the rest of us being tarred with a very broad brush?

I *don't* think I understand the logic.

Mike Schaefer
San Francisco

***Editor's note:** Just a few questions, regarding your last paragraph: What do you propose we do with that "very small portion" of our community that enjoys the sex clubs? How far shall we go in distancing ourselves from them (assuming, of course, they are not us)? Shall we all stand silently by while they are harassed? Do you think for a moment that we can afford not to defend any portion of our community that is under attack for some aspect of our gay sexuality? Do you really think that if government institutions succeed in killing the sex clubs they're going to stop there?*

Rhythmfest Really Shouldn't

The article in the Sept. 26 issue ("Festival Without Attitude") was laden with blaring inaccuracies. As a West Coast dyke who made the trek to the middle of the South, I would like to take this time to clarify. First, the 1,300 women figure seems a bit off. Even if you included the several hundred workers in this figure, it seems that under 900 would seem more accurate (unless of course, women were hiding out in the stables!). It is held in a dry and dusty horseback riding camp, which made festival attendance impossible for women with environmental illness and allergies, and coupled with the 90 degree, unrelenting, heat and lack of proper sanitary facilities, and water shortages, less than a good time was had by all.

The organizers' ideals and the reality of Rhythmfest also seem at odds. Melissa Etheridge was obviously the star of the weekend, and much of the draw for the festival. She signed festival T-shirts and other festival promotional materials, was fawned over by adoring dykes all weekend and the festival organizers assert that they are trying to eliminate the classist, elitist structure found at other festivals. The scarcity of women of color was most apparent to me, on the stage, and as attendees. It would seem to me that a festival with such lofty goals would be more inclusive. Perhaps the fact that most of the attendees seemed to be young, white, middle class "gay" women counts for the "lack of attitude" and absence of controversy. A homogenous group rarely generates controversy. Also, the off-handed comment about R-fest being 'shigella free space' was an unfair criticism. Bolstering one festival by playing on the unfortunate health crisis at another was a cheap shot. It might also be added that the Rhythmfest site, coupled with the high temperatures and lack of sanitary facilities, is ripe for that kind of unfortunate occurrence.

For the most part, I found the entertainment mediocre at best, and offensive at worst. The lack of consciousness about everything from disabilities to basic feminism 101 was astounding. The stage is supposed to provide entertainment, but surely the R-fest organizers could have chosen performers who could entertain and not be offensive. There were a few exceptions, the Two Spirit Thunder People, Alix Dobkin and Faith Nolan, to name a few, but they weren't enough to inspire me to journey into the Deep South again next year. Also, as intimated in the article, S/M dykes were welcome, by one of the organizers in particular, and so were displays of S/M of all kinds. Maybe I'm old-fashioned, but seeing women being dragged around in dog collars and chains and seeing dykes brandishing swastika tattoos is not my idea of "the original values of women's music festivals." This kind of display and behavior is not tolerated or encouraged at most of the other festivals, so I suppose that R-fest is providing an "alternative," indeed.

All in all, while I love the women's festivals in general and believe that we have to encourage them, I would definitely give this one a miss next year. As for their plans for creating that kind of environment here, all I can say is that we already have one with a similar "no attitude." What we need is an alternative. Rhythmfest, "the little festival that really shouldn't."

Laura Melendez
Berkeley

United Way and the Boy Scouts

An open letter to Edward Rivera, President, United Way of Santa Clara County:

I have received a copy of the United Way statement regarding funding for the Boy Scouts. I've read the statement several times and am under the impression that it addresses only the concerns of individuals who fear that funding from United Way of Santa Clara County to the Boy Scouts will be adversely affected by the funding reallocation decision by United Way of the Bay Area board of directors. If my interpretation of the statement is correct, it does not address my concerns at all.

My concern is that funding of the Boy Scouts of America by the United Way of Santa Clara County will continue unaltered, even in light of their blatant discrimination against gay members and scout-leaders. I feel strongly that their funding *should* be eliminated or decreased by *all* United Way chapters, pending a change on this human rights issue.

I make a small contribution to the United Way through a direct payroll deduction each month. Although my financial contribution is small, I am a committed volunteer in several areas of community service in Santa Clara, San Mateo and San Francisco counties. Since my ability to make monetary contributions is affected by my limited income, I am very careful concerning the policies and allegiances of organizations to which I contribute. I feel that the United Way of Santa Clara condones the homophobic policy of the Boy Scouts of America by maintaining an unaffected contribution to them. It chills me to think that, nationwide, $90 million in United Way funding goes to an organization with this type of human rights violation as part of its policy.

Gays and lesbians make a significant contribution to the diversity of American life. We need to establish positive role models and places to grow up, learn and acknowledge our differences and similarities. The various scout organizations could be one of these places, if they would choose to be. I was a Brownie and Girl Scout as a child and I am proud to say that I am a lesbian and conscientious member of the Bay Area gay/lesbian community. Even though some of my volunteer work and donations are directed toward organizations which make no distinction concerning lifestyle, I remain dedicated to the gay/lesbian liberation cause.

I have designated my monthly contribution to the United Way for the Aris Project of Santa Clara County. In light of the opinion expressed in the statement (copy attached), I have decided to make my contribution directly to Aris Project and cancel my payroll deduction contribution to the United Way. I would not want any small portion of my donation dollars to go to an organization which condones human rights violations.

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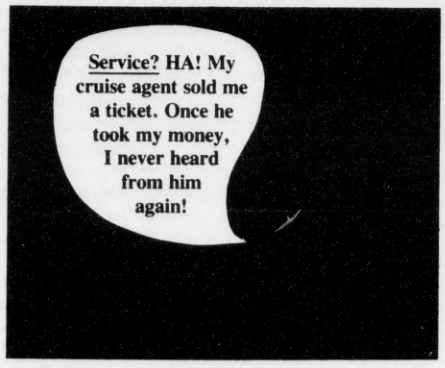

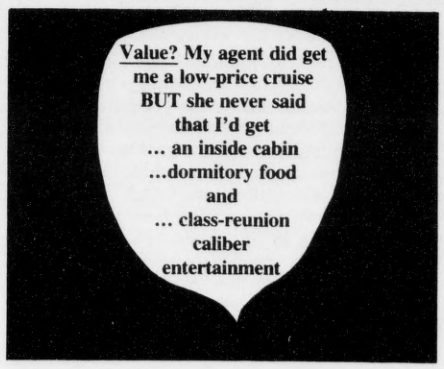
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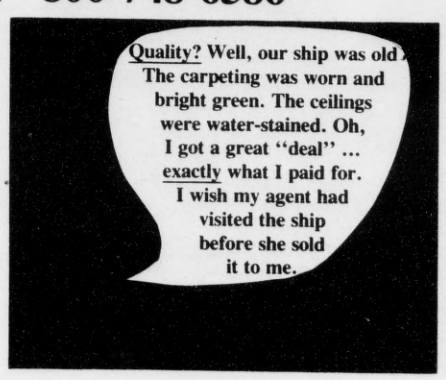
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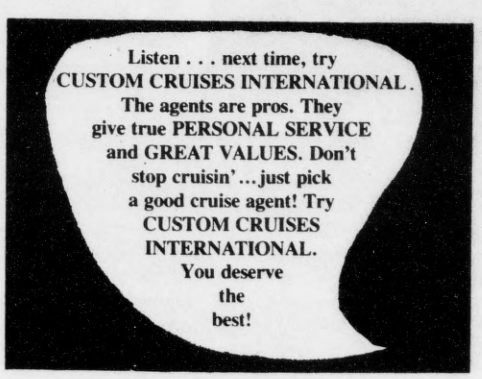
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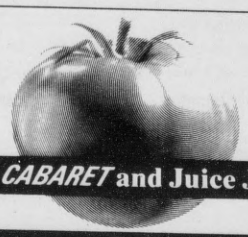

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Off Balance

Is everybody having a nice time? Well, golly, gee whiz, with the Sun, Mercury and Mars all in Libra, we should all be putting our energies into the convivial social activities *de saison*. Certainly such a combination could help to explain the considerable energy being focused on political activities at this time. If you think it's nasty now, just you wait!

Over the next couple of weeks Mercury, Mars and the Sun all go from Libra into Scorpio. Some true nastiness will come out of these transits as Mercury and Mars conjunct Pluto, but not in this fortnight. Stay tuned. In the meantime, the Mercury-Mars conjunction—even in dear, sweet Libra—will signal some sharply coercive messages and vicious political backstabbing from the 12th to the 15th.

In the more immediate future, we have a hot weekend coming up! A Venus-Jupiter conjunction is always good for some exciting new romance, and we get one of those beginning Friday night just before midnight, along with a sexually demonstrative Sun-Pluto aspect in orb from midday Oct. 10 until Monday afternoon.

ARIES: Usually you don't care much about what other people think or say, but these days it's all too easy to get caught up in conversations that really are more trouble than they're worth. It all starts out nicely enough, but over the weekend and into next week you tend to become combative and authoritarian. Nobody's happy when you get that way, least of all you. This is an excellent time to practice defining limits and bowing out. Discretion and a cool head are not your primary virtues, but this is a good time to practice.

TAURUS: Work is pleasant lately and everybody is being so agreeable. You may misinterpret that as license to push ahead as you see appropriate. Discuss the possibilities, but be warned: It's very easy to step on people's toes these days. Even your suggestions will offend someone. Don't let that stop you. Just be as diplomatic as possible and offer "possible suggestions" rather than pronouncements and declarations. Simple logistical problems can trigger intense philosophical debates. It's a wonderful opportunity to sharpen your mind and learn a few things. What's more important? Being right, or learning the reasoning behind a different perspective? Opt for education.

GEMINI: Your creative juices are up and gushing these days. Forays into the arts can lead to more committed activities. Over the next week you may find a casual romance getting very serious very quickly. That may or may not be what you and your darling du jour really want. After a few nights of passion and pleasure, subjects like commitment and expectations can be too much too soon. Some negotiation and setting of limits and expectations will come faster than they "should." And when indeed should they come? It would be quite sufficient to set a temporary agreement and get to know each other better before making long-term decisions.

CANCER: It seems like a nice time to make contact with your family, but conversations can get way ahead of you in the next few days. They'll take on a life of their own, and then all kinds of stuff will hit the fan. It may be better to talk out your family issues with people you can trust. Whomever you talk with about your family stuff you can count on getting in very deep and hitting some very difficult issues, whether or not you'd so intended. If there's anybody in your family who really is safe to talk with about all that stuff, take advantage. If not, find a friend who is indeed trustworthy and feels familial.

LEO: Slow down. Take a deep breath. Count to ten. Remember that given a choice where you can either be loved by those around you or you can assert that you are indeed correct, you would prefer to be loved. As a socially savvy slut sometimes said, "If you don't bite your tongue now and then, neither will anyone else." Controlling your mouth will be very hard in the weeks to come. But make us all proud of you and show us you can do it. You may have to lock yourself in a padded room and scream at the walls. You may be better off having a friend that you can whine and yell at about the tormentuous turns and twists of life. But be kind enough to warn her that you'll be in a loud and awful mood for a while. Better yet, you have so many friends! Distribute the load. Even better yet, go to a pay phone and let it all out at your own answering machine. Then go home and listen. Of course you can always hire an astrologer to talk it out with.

VIRGO: Hide the checkbook! Lock up the cards! It's very hard to deal with money in a normal fashion these days. On the one hand Mercury and Mars are burning holes in your pocket. On the other hand you're getting inklings that you should put yourself on a strict, even Spartan, budget. Living in a cave off of beetles and berries may be a great way to save money, but to what purpose? Go easy on yourself and save financial questions for a time when you can approach them more sensibly. Venus has just gone into your sign, so in the meantime you can cash in on your looks.

LIBRA: Such a sweet, agreeable sort you are. Everyone says so. This weekend you may have to work hard at keeping your usual graceful aplomb. (Paging Ms. Grace Full-LaPlomme.) Now here's a little secret about your sign, Libra. It's the newest of the zodiac and the stars in your little part of the sky used to be considered the outstretched claws of the Scorpion adjacent. Over the next couple of weeks those claws are going to reach out.... If you can restrain your urge to get everybody else's ducks into line you'll find yourself extremely empathetic. The power of your insights could be a bit frightening, tempting you to speak out when you would really be better off listening. Ease up a bit at work. Frustration comes all too easily. Take a break and ask for suggestions.

SCORPIO: Pleasant meditative retreats should suit you especially well lately, but as you explore your inner self you're coming to some deeper challenges. Dreams are likely to be very powerful in the next week or two, perhaps even frightening. As old fears find expression you can let go of them. A dream journal would be especially helpful now. It's too easy to get irritable (or worse) with others. When you catch yourself doing bad Joan Crawford impressions check out and take a look at what's going on inside of you.

SAGITTARIUS: Do your friends—and yourself—a big favor and resist your natural generosity. Money issues promise to screw up some wonderful friendships. Money's tough enough these days, but your big problem right now is the temptation to offer more than you can reasonably give. You may be a human cornucopia in many regards, but even you have some limits. Your friends love you for so much more than your eagerness to provide surprises and to pick up the tab. On the other hand when you offer more than you really can provide there are sure to be resentments. True at any time, now the red lights are flashing!

CAPRICORN: Yes, life has been rough lately, and it's not going to get much easier anytime soon. Outrageous behavior and demands on others are not going to help. Of course, you don't see your assertion and "responsible actions" in that light, but others will. You do need to be a bit more responsible, more hardworking than usual these days, yes, perhaps even a little hard-assed, but only with yourself. You have challenges now to assume—and to express—authority responsibly. That means being very aware of others' capacities and limitations. They can't all be Capricorns. Give the rest of the world a break.

AQUARIUS: You've never been shy about your opinions, and nowadays you have plenty to say. Not that your pronouncements on life aren't worthwhile, but you'd find yourself better off if you were to focus all that mental energy on inner explorations. Like most folk of depth and complexity, you have something gnawing at your soul and this is the time to take a deep inner look at those demons within. The old psychological game of projection is much too easy right now. Confide in a friend who can help you explore the inner recesses of your labyrinthine psyche.

PISCES: Your sign is too often underestimated. Through adaptiveness, imagination and intuition the fish could be the strongest, most enduring sign of the zodiac. Your strength and sexiness have been very apparent lately and will continue to shock people who don't know the real you. Some of the surprises will be utterly luscious; others won't be at all pleasant. Beware the ides of October! Some of your "newfound" strength will scare off some friends and someone will feel terribly betrayed. Next week can be rough, but the week after offers opportunities to patch things up.

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OCT 10 / T H U

MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence), a community-based, SF nonprofit organization working with men to end domestic violence against women and domestic violence in gay relationships, holds their semi-annual volunteer training beginning today. Men who participate in the training are eligible to become involved in MOVE's counseling and community education work addressing male violence. MOVE believes that men learn to respond to the human experiences of fear, insecurity & disappointment with physical and emotional force. MOVE does not separate the social & economic violence men experience at the hands of the dominant culture from their own acts of violence within their homes, and seeks to make connections between male violence within the home and more institutionalized expressions of dominance & control such as racism, sexism, homophobia & classism. Men who care passionately about men who are trapped in the cycle of violence & striking out against the people they love the most are encouraged to call MOVE at 777-4496.

Announcement/Call for Support for the Gay & Lesbian Center of the SF Public Library, which is scheduled to open in late 1995 as a multimedia collection about gay & lesbian history and culture, focused on California. Today's 10 am program features SF Mayor Art Agnos, journalist Randy Shilts, SF Supervisors Carol Migden & Roberta Achtenberg, activist Bill Walker and others expressing their support for the Center. At the SF Public Library Civic Center, Special Collections Dept, third floor.

Coffee, Conversation & Canasta Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 1-3 pm today & 10/24 at 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). 2:45 pm today & 10/24 at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

"The Healing Power of Dreams," lecture by Dr Patricia Garfield, part of Planetree Health Resource Ctr's fall lecture series (also see 10/3). Discuss how dream images change during physical crisis, healing & convalescence, how specific images characterize different ailments & symptoms, and how dream images can be used in the healing process. 7-9 pm, $6. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Open Forum to discuss the concerns & program needs of gays, lesbians & sexual minorities of all colors. Also come celebrate Berkeley's new Domestic Partners ordinance! Spons by Pacific Center. 7 pm at South Berkeley Senior Center, corner of Ellis & Ashby, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

At Black Oak Books: Edgar Award-winning novelist Sharon McCrumb (*Sick of Shadows; Lovely in Her Bones; The Windsor Knot*) reads from her newly-released book, *Missing Susan: An Elizabeth MacPherson Mystery*. 7:30 pm, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

Exotic Jewish Communities Around the World—lecture series with Ken Blady continues with "Yantokh, Cheberke, & Tartar Shashlikh: Cuisine & Culture of the (Mongoloid) Krimchaks of Crimea." Crimea is considered to be the cradle of Russian Jewry, The Krimchaks, 80 percent of whom were annihilated by the Nazis, are believed to be a remnant of the Jews who settled in this region more than 2000 years ago. 7:30 pm, $7 drop-in. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

"Prayers & Promises for Turtle Island," a non-Columbus Day event presented with singer/songwriter Betsy Rose with guitarist Nina Gerber, performance artist Emily Shihadeh, and other guests at La Pena Cultural Center. A special concert of original music & commentary celebrating the love of earth & kinship that transcends patriotism. 3105 Shattuck ave, Berkeley. 7:30 pm, $8 tix at door (doors open at 7 pm).

Jon Sugar Revue at El Rio. 8 pm, 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

At Old Wives Tales Bookstore: "Women of Color: Agents of Social Change," a reading by contributors to *Morena* newspaper and *The Women of Color Calendar & Resource Guide*. Readers include Gwen Carmen, Luz Alvarez Martinez & Merle Woo. 8 pm, $3-10, proceeds benefit Old Wives Tales, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

At Cody's Books: Author Robert Bellah (*Habits of the Heart*) discusses his new work of sociological analysis, *The Good Society*. Book takes a look at the social institutions that define our lives, discusses how they might be transformed for our greater benefit. 8 pm, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

"Pretty, Witty & Gay," with Marga Gomez at Josie's Cabaret: Scorching new solo comedy—Marga invites the audience into her bedroom for a nonstop sexual send-up as she reads from the unpublished diaries of Anais Nin, is possessed by the spirit of Miss Jane Hathaway, rewrites the Bible, battles extortionists, and almost loses her nerve on the eve of her first appearance on a TV talk show panel as an Adult Female Homosexual. Plays Thurs-Sun, tonight thru 11/3 at 8 pm, with added 10 pm shows on Fridays. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

OCT 11 / F R I

Affirmation Gay & Lesbian Mormons hold their 1991 conference today thru 10/13 in the Erawan Gardens Hotel in Indian Wells, California, a few miles from Palm Springs. This year's theme: "Now Let Us Rejoice". Speakers/performers include author Chris Glaser and comic Danny Williams, plus performance by the Los Angeles Gay Men's Chorus. for info/res call (213) 255-7251.

National Coming Out Day: It's that time of year again! Join thousands of lesbians & gay men nationwide in taking that first (or another) step out of the closet! Various events spons throughout Calif. In the East Bay Berkeley councilmember Ann Chandler signs an expanded Domestic Partnership ordinance that goes into effect today. 5:30 pm registration, public welcome. In Marin: evening program, 5-7 pm at Novato Youth Center, 680 Wilson Ave, Novato. Entertainment by singer/musician Peter Barclay. Guest speaker: SF Supervisor Carole Migden. Presentation of coming out stories awards, and awards for coming out. Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women) offer host a non-alcoholic bar, hors d'oeuvres served. At 7:30-8:30 pm, interfaith celebration at MCC of the Redwoods, 110 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. 9 pm-1 am: party & celebration at BJ's, Paradise Shopping Ctr, 5625 Paradise Dr, Corte Madera, with performance by the SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band 9-9:45 pm, followed by hot dancing from 10 pm-1 am. Wheelchair Accessible. Come out and celebrate!

San Jose Civic Light Opera holds vocal & dance auditions for "Chess." Priority vocal auditions today 2-4 pm, non-priority 5:30-7 pm. Priority dance auditions tmw at 9:30 am, non-priority at 11 am. Dancers do not need an appointment to sing. All positions are paid. All auditions at SJCLO Studios, 1717 Technology Drive, San Jose. Call Sharon (408) 297-8813 Mon-Fri 9 am-1 pm for an appt.

"Women Artists/Women's Art: An Archetypal & Developmental Perspective," lecture tonight with Tanya Wilkinson & Elinor Gadon, followed by a Saturday workshop exploring collective & personal issues of women's psychological development thru the images & symbols of visual art. 7-9 pm tonight, 9:30 am-5:30 pm tmw. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Gay & Lesbian History Series at Berkeley Public Library continues with "She Also Chewed Tobacco," program on women who passed as men. 7:30 pm, free. South Branch Library, corner of Martin Luther King Way & Russell, one block north of Ashby BART Station. Wheelchair Accessible. Spons by Friends of the Library. Info: (510) 644-6860.

HIV-Negative Support Group meets tonight. Spons by MCC-SF. All HIV-negative men are welcome. 7:45 pm. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

"Bobby Sox to Beatles," the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF presents a musical reunion with the '50s & '60s. Show features music & dance of the era, along with Chorus members' memories of what it was like to be there. Tonight & tmw at 8 pm at the Cowell Theatre, Ft Mason Center, SF. Tix $15 gen'l, $25 sponsor, available at Headlines Stores in SF, Mama Bears in Oakland, and Just Rewards in Walnut Creek. For res/info: 861-7067. Handicapped Accessible, SIGN interpretation.

Canadian singer/guitarist Maureen Field in concert at Mama Bears. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

Pretty, Witty & Gay—Marga Gomez at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/10.

Flamenco Music & Dance at La Pena: A fabulous evening with Isa Mura's *Grupo Utrera y Familia*, featuring guest artist Tania, returning after 13 years in Spain, and dancers Yalisa, Hiroko Shimakawa, Isa Mura and Christina Vega Stead; singers Antonio Alcazar & Nina Menendez; guitarists Guillermo Rios & David Gutierrez. 8:30 pm, $12. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

nZinga World Beat Dance Party at El Rio with dj Mongrel. 9 pm-2 am, $3. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

OCT 12 / S U N

Festival of the Babes! First annual lesbian soccer tournament. Come watch the games, support your favorite dyke babes. 8 am-6 pm, free. Polo Fields, Golden Gate Park, SF. Also don't miss tonights' "Festival of the Babes Soccer Party" with music, dancing, babes aplenty & dj Nikki Rivera, upstairs at Amelia's, starting at 9 pm, $4. Info: Amy or Lyanne (510) 601-5163.

Financial Recovery Conference: 8:30 am-4:30 pm at the Holiday Inn, Fisherman's Wharf, SF. Designed to teach people with money dysfunctions how to take charge of their finances & their lives. Conference is appropriate for both the "successful" person living up to the last penny, and the underachiever not living up to earnings potential. Four nationally acclaimed financial recovery experts offer their knowledge & practical advice on issues such as how to liquidate debt & escalate income, tackle IRS problems, and analyze the emotional & spiritual issues which often result from & are a root cause of money problems. Speakers include Karen McCall, author of *Me & My Money;* Jerrold Mundis, recovered debtor and author of *How to Get Out of Debt, Stay Out of Debt & Live Prosperously;* Robin Leonard, attorney & author/editor (*Money Troubles, How to File for Bankruptcy, Family Law Dictionary*) for Nolo Press; and Fred Daily, SF tax attorney with 20 years experience battling the IRS, author of *Winning the IRS Game*. Tix: $84 with two people registering, $89 single registration. $79 group rate applies to groups of 3 people or more. Info: 567-9701.

Shanti Volunteer Program: Caring practical & emotional support volunteers are needed for people impacted by HIV in the Tenderloin, South of Market & Mission districts. Early sign-up required. For info on this exciting, much-needed new training call Jeanette Lazam or Jana Rickerson at 777-2273.

Violence Against Women: Survivor's Speak Out in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Come break the silence in a safe environment. Share your feelings, needs, and ideas on violence against women with other women survivors, community service providers, and organizers. Event includes speakers, educational forum, assertiveness training. 10 am-5 pm, registration at 9:30 am. $5-10 donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Childcare provided. Spons by SF NOW (Nat'l Organization for Women). At the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 861-8880.

Redwood Regional Park/Skyline Gate Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take Hwy 13 to Joaquin Miller Rd/Lincoln Ave exit. Follow signs to Joaquin Miller Rd. Go east (uphill) on Joaquin Miller approx 1.2 miles. Turn left on Skyline Blvd & continue 3.1 miles to parking lot. 9:30 am. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

San Jose Civic Light Opera holds dance auditions, see 10/12 listing for details.

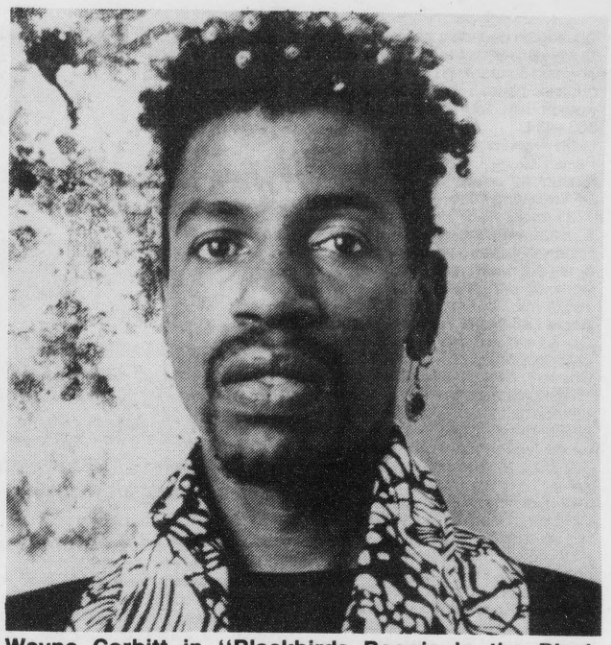
2-Day Computer Competency Class for Women, spons by Women's Computer Literacy Center: 1-day class. Emphasis on fundamental computer concepts. Intro to DOS, WordPerfect 5.1, Database management (Paradox), and Lotus 1-2-3 compatible spreadsheets. Feminist teaching approach. Free practice time after class. Call Women's 677-9101 for info/reg. 870 Market St, Ste 751, SF.

Sensory Awareness Wkshop with Charlotte Selver & Charles Brooks. Learn the techniques central to humanistic & transpersonal psychology which were outgrowths of the human potential movement. 10 am-4 pm today & tmw. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

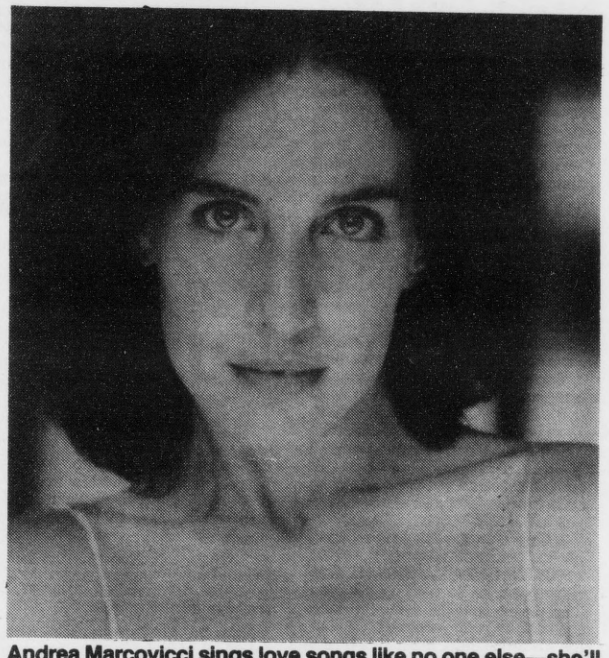
"Self-Management: The Business of Being an Artist," workshop by Michael S Bell (art critic, essayist, columnist, poet, painter & owner of Visual Art Access). 10 am-4 pm at Mission Cultural Center Theatre, 2868 Mission St, SF. Bell covers specific self-management areas including pricing, resumes, framing, contracts, taxes, mailing list management, insurance, competitions, promotion, live/work space, and suppliers; plus pain, demons, fear, hypocrisy and lies. Spons by Capp STreet Project as part of their "Art is Fresh: Workshops on the Realities of the Art World" series. $5 suggested donation. Space limited, pre-reg by 10/7 is suggested. For info on this & the other workshops in this series ("The Artist in the Community, the Community in the Artist," panel on 10/14, "Creative Ways to Support Oneself as an Artist," panel on 10/15) call 626-7747.

BACW Sonoma: Bay Area Career Women Sonoma general business meeting—come help plan local events & meet some wonderful women! 7 pm, $2. Info: Amy (707) 874-1621.

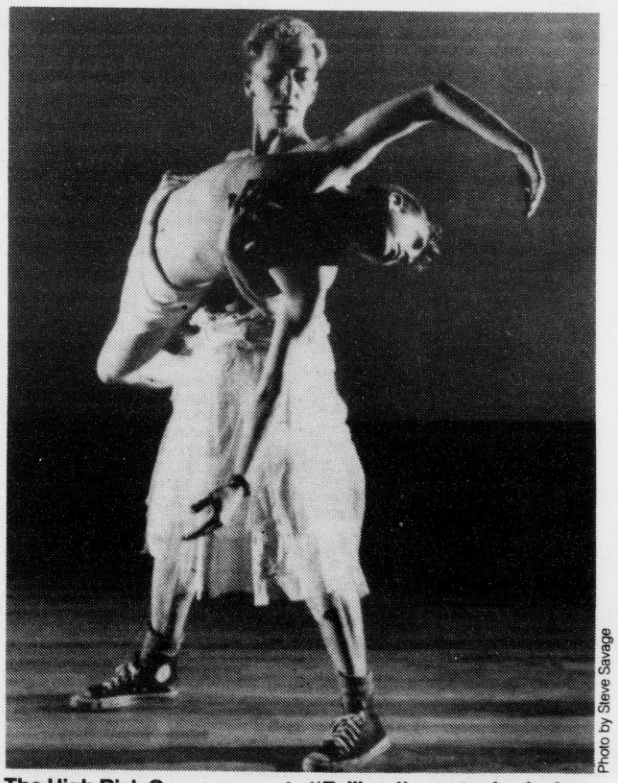
Women's Incest Wkshop spons by MCC-SF. Rev Sherre Boothman, pastor of MCC in the Valley, leads a workshop



Wayne Corbitt in "Blackbirds Boogie in the Black Moonlight"—at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint. Oct 22 has info.



Andrea Marcovicci sings love songs like no one else—she'll be performing to benefit Theatre Rhino Oct 21.



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The High Risk Group presents "Falling," a metaphorical examination of the deline of the western white male heterosexual power structure. Opens Oct 17, part of Footwork's Edge Festival.

focusing on boundary issues & learning to live with the past without being overwhelmed & paralyzed by the experience of incest. 10 am-3 pm, $5 donation. For women only. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Latin American Music for Kids at La Pena Cultural Center, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

SF Wrestling Club Workout: 11 am at 172 Prentiss St, SF. Includes warmups & actual wrestling tailored to the participants' abilities & interests. Beginners & all skill levels are welcome! Club workouts every other Saturday (today & 10/26). Info: Jim Frazier (510) 538-8490.

Anual Fall Crafts Faire hosted by the Gay & Lesbian Artists' Alliance: Today & tmw, noon-5 pm, 419 Maple St at Chestnut, near downtown Santa Cruz. Crafts include pottery, photography & greeting cards. Light refreshments served. For info about the faire or upcoming GLAA meetings call Julie (408) 462-2623. Come out & support queer art!

2nd Continental Chasky of Self-Discovery: Named after the term the Incas used for foot messengers who carried news btwn their respective communities, the Chasky is a program of ritual, poetry, dance, street theatre & visual arts "to reclaim our true history & celebrate our multicultural community," a celebration of 500 years of resistance & self-determination. Starts at noon at Garfield Park (Harrison & 25th St, in the Mission District), SF. Parade moves down 24th ST, stopping at artistic installations along the way to La Raza Park, for entertainment by a variety of artists. Spons by Chicano Human Rights Concilio, Chicano Moratorium, Int'l Indian Treaty Council, South & Meso American Indian Information Center, American Indian Movement, Women Against Imperialism, Nicaragua Ctr for Community Action, Guatemalan News & Information Bureau, Mass Media, Planet Drum Foundation & other groups. Info: 863-3314.

Huckleberry Preserve Herb Walk: Learn to identify & use the many edible & medicinal plants that grow wild in the Bay Area. Intro to wildcrafting, plant lore, botanical pharmacology & recipes for teas & wild foods. Walks emphasize understanding the medicinal actions of plants thru taste & smell, as well as thru traditional & clinical indications. Meet at noon in the Preserve's parking lot at Skyline Drive in Oakland. Info/directions: Adam Seller 845-4028. Rain cancels.

UCGALA Quarterly Social: Join Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc for an informal potluck social. 2-6 pm, bring a dish to share. For info/location/directions call Jim 282-5608.

Help Organize the 7th Annual Nat'l Gay and Lesbian Conference to be held in 1993. City College of SF will be host to this event, to be held on the West Coast for the first time ever. The initial organizing mtg from 4-6pm is at City College's Science Bldg, room 136, on the main campus at Phelan and Ocean Aves.

CASA Gen'l Membership Mtg: Social & community action organization for gay Latinos & friends. Mtg at Dolores St Center, 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 552-6433 for time & other info.

Rap Session & Dance Night with Girth & Mirth Club at 176-B Page St, SF. For time & other info call 824-0260.

Inside the Media: Central American journalists hold a public discussion of the different struggles they face in their countries, and their efforts to protect press freedoms. Speakers: Gilberto Osorio of El Salvador's *Diario Latino;* and Carlos Fernando Chamorro, editor of Nicaragua's *Barricada,* and *Barricada Internacional.* 7 pm at New College, 777 Valencia St at 19th, SF. Spons by South North Communication Network & the Media Alliance Central America Committee. Info: 621-8981.

Southbay FLSG (Feminist Lesbian Social Group) meets for a potluck tonight at Chay's house in Santa Clara. For info/directions call (408) 244-9477.

BWMT Soul Food Dinner Dance: Black & White Men Together party with members from other BWMT chapters. 7 pm, $4. 1350 Waller St, nr Haight & Masonic, SF. Everyone welcome. Refreshments served.

Uhuru Banquet at Trinity United Church, 2232 Bancroft, Berkeley. 7-10 pm, $7-10 SL donation. Music from Galo Paz, speakers from African, Chicano & Native Liberation movements. Spons by African People's Solidarity Committee. Info: (510) 655-6868.

Night of classic jazz with *Express Trio* at Asta Restaurant & Bar, One Rincon Center, 101 Spear St, SF. 7:30-11:30 pm, no cover, reservations required. Info: 495-ASTA.

Cris Williamson & Tret Fure in Concert at Institute for the Musical Arts (IMA) Retreat in Bodega. 8 pm, $12. For info call (510) 601-6514.

"Bobby Sox to Beatles," a '50s & '60s musical reunion with the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF, see 10/11 listing for details.

Nancy Kiefer's "23rd Jump Street," on exhibit this month. See galleries for details.

Pretty, Witty & Gay—Marga Gomez at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/10.

"Somewhere Fudging," new solo performance piece by Justin Chin about the "Queer Chink Angst" that can arise from "a love-hate thing with hairy-shouldered white men who have colonial tendencies." 8 pm, $6-10 SL at KBBK Studios, 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. For res/info call 563-9046.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Over Our Heads, hot women's comedy improv & music group, keep you laughing tonight! 8 pm, $7-10 SL. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

The Poetry Clinic presents readings by Gabriel Ariel Levicky, Teddy Weiler & Richard Hack. Also sign up for open mike. 8-10 pm, free. Cafe Francisco, 2161 Powell St, SF. Info: 397-2602.

ATA's Other Cinema Series features "Through Her Eyes," a program of Bay Area women's work. Includes work by Pat Baum, Jennifer Tate & Susanne Fairfax, Emily Cronbach & Lisa Kernan, Sandra Davis, Caitlin Manning, Cauleen Smith, Sami Alkassim, Lisanne Skyler, Mary Scott & others. 8:30 pm, $5. Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

At Klubstititue Queer Nite Club/Cabaret: *The Jennifer Blowdryer Band, Iaocore,* Lypstynka, *Gottaowee* & more. $4.98. 1751 Fulton St (nr Masonic, in the upper Haight), SF. Info: 826-5358.

Pink Noise at Klub Komotion: An eve of performances by gay & lesbian artists, including Gravity, ELvis Herselvis & Pansy Division. 9 pm, $5. Benefit for Prevention Point, SF's needle exchange program. 2779 16th St, SF. This event is part of "therockshow," a celebration of creative & conceptual diversity in popular music culture. Also see 10/23 & 24 listings.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's with Tom Ammiano, Shan Carr & Mario Mondelli. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Rock at El Rio with *Papa Wheelie, Wig Torture* and Paul Siegel. 10 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

The Late Night Marsh series presents: "The Love that Shrieks," a one-woman show performed by Priscilla Alden, written & directed by Michael Duff. Yolanda Cartwheels, "the empress of ecstasy" & romance novelists extraordinaire, hawks her latest bodice ripper. And "One Gal Show," written and performed by Jonna Tamases, "a very funny woman telling very funny stories about funny, funny women things". A humorous look at the physical side of being a woman. Every Sat night in October, 10:30 pm, $6. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

OCT 13 / SUN

Gay Run/SF: Join Eastbay Frontrunners for this 5K & 10K run and 5K walk. Meet 9 am at south entrance to Polo Fields, Golden Gate Park, SF. For info call 921-3697.

Golf & Picnic spons by Southbay BACW. Join Bay Area Career Women for golf at Blackberry Farm followed by a catered picnic at Stevens Creek Reservoir Park. $17. Call Wynette (408) 238-0568 for info/reservations.

Shanti New Volunteer Program: Focus on the Mission, South of Market & Tenderloin districts. See 10/12 listing for details.

Gay Run/Gay Walk '91: 5 & 10K run & 5K walk starts 9 am at the Polo Field (south entrance off Middle Drive), Golden Gate Park, SF. For more info call SF Frontrunners, 921-3697.

Reclaiming Fertile Ground: A workshop for women, with Lynne Uretsky. Drop beneath generations of conditioning to experience the true nature of your sexual-regenerative system. Learn how to use these organs to support you, not the patriarchy. Wkshop utilizes movement, sound, art, writing & play to release creative energy, heal wounds, and come home to a powerful source of new life. 10 am-4:30 pm, $40-60 SL fee. Oakland location. For info on this & upcoming Hot Springs Weekend (11/16-17) call 465-9306.

Cris Williamson Wkshop, "Live Dream: The Art of the Possible," at Institute for the Musical Arts (IMA) Retreat in Bodega. 10 am-5 pm, $60. Info/reg: (510) 601-6514.

Potluck Brunch for Men spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Noon-3 pm at Francis of Assisi. Bring a dish to share. Info: 626-7000.

Walk Against Genocide: 10K walk-a-thon fundraiser for the Uhuru House. Gather with pledges at 10 am, rally at 1 pm at Martin Luther King Jr Park, MLK Way & Allston, Berkeley, music by AC Jackson's Blues Band. Speakers include Akua Njeri, widow of Black Panther Fred Hampton, Omali Yeshitela, founder of the Uhuru Movement, and Sid Welsh of the American Indian Movement. Spons by African People's Solidarity Committee. Info: (510) 655-6868.

Lesbian Cultural Uprising: A celebration of our diversity, by & for lesbians, spons by Lesbian Uprising! LU! seeks women artists with poetry, music, drama, comedy, storytelling, etc skills for their upcoming event (11/24). Call Laura 626-7821 for details.

Christology & the Inner Child: Wkshop spons by MCC-SF. Rev Sherre Boothman, pastor of MCC in the Valley, discusses how our thoughts about Jesus influence how we look at ourselves. 2-5 pm, $5 donation. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

The Beaux Arts Trio perform works by Mozart, Zemlinsky & Ravel at Stanford University's Dinkelspiel Auditorium. 2:30 pm. Tix $22.50 & $20.50. $3 discount for students. Info/res: 725-ARTS.

Art Show Reception at Mama Bears for Josephine E Porter. 3-5 pm. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Crysanthemum Ragtime Band: 10-piece ragtime ensemble plays 1890-1920s pop music—music by Kern, Berlin, Joplin, Souza. 4 pm, $6 gen'l, $5 srs at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Salsa at El Rio with *Los Kimbos*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Old First Concert Series continues with Ori Steinberg, piano, in concert. Program includes works by Bach, Beethoven, Bartok, Chopin & Liszt. 4 pm, $10 gen'l, $5 srs/students. 1751 Fulton St, SF. Info: 931-4400.

PARENTS & KIDS BOX

Comedy Camp for Mommies by Diane Conway, Marilyn Matulich-Kentz & Caryl Kristensen. Three Northbay working wives make their comedy stage debut at the Lorraine Hansberry Theatre, 620 Sutter St, SF. Runs Mon-Sat 10/14-19 at 8 pm, Sat matinee at 2 pm; Tues-Sat 10/22-26 at 8 pm, Sat matinee at 2. Info: 433-9500.

"Write On! Act Out!" a writing for performance class for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people of color, under 21 years old. Begins 10/16, 4-6:30 pm at the Brava Studio Theater, 2180 Bryant St at 20th, SF. Free ten-week class (Wednesdays thru 12/18) offered by Chicana lesbian playwright Cherrie Moraga. No previous writing or theater experience necessary. Public high school students may arrange to receive school credit. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Pre-reg required, call 565-7681 for details.

Rainbow's End Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Youth Group for ages 24 & under meets 10/17 & 24 at Ministry of Light, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd #12, San Anselmo. 6:30-7 pm drop-in time, 7-9 pm group time. Info: 457-1115.

Halloween Potluck spons by Marin Lesbian & Gay Parents Group. 10/27, 3-5 pm. Info/location: 457-1115.

Kidshows present quality entertainment for kids ages 3-8, & their families. October performances: **10/12 at 11 am, $6:** "Clowning, Comedy & Percussion," with Geoff Hoyle & Keith Terry at Cowell Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Info: 841-0211. **10/13 at 11 am, $6**: "Master Clowning, Comedy, Percussion & Body Music" with Geoff Hoyle & Keith Terry at Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-0211. **10/19 at 11 & 12:15 pm, $6**: Banana Slug String Band, "nature's upbeat rock quartet" sing, play & act silly while conveying messages of love for the planet. Showcase Theatre, Civic Ctr, San Rafael. Info: 472-3500.

Boomerang Live! Live radio show for kids, concept a la The Prairie Home Companion & All Things Considered. An hour of heady, non-stop skits, monologues & commentary for kids ages 7-13. First Sat of each month at Julia Morgan Theater (11/2, 12/7) at 11 am. Tix $7.50 gen'l, $5 kids, grandparents are free. 2640 College Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 84-JULIA.

Small Change Strolling Group meets 12:30 am every Wednesday for excursions and a stroll thru Golden Gate Park. Free, everyone's welcome! Small Change also keeps a file of people interested in childcare exchange, playgroup formations, etc. Drop by & take a look. 1234 9th Ave, SF. Call 566-1234 for more info.

Jon Sims Center offers SimSchool, a new arts & educational program for the children of lesbian & gay parents, offered in cooperation with Lorilewis Dance Studio. Instruction offered in preschool dance, tap, jazz & ballet. Low-cost classes educate & help promote children's self-esteem. For program details call 554-0402.

Khadra Int'l Folk Ballet 2nd Annual Family Concert Series: 10/13 at 1:30 & 3 pm, Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Ctr, SF and 10/19 at 1:30 & 3 pm, Walnut Creek Regional Ctr for the Arts. Colorful 50-min shows featuring dance & live music from Russia, Moldavia, the Ukraine, Argentina & the US. Actress/storyteller Marijo weaves a spell of magic with wonderful stories & performance pieces in between the dances. Chance for kids to enjoy the performing arts while learning about other cultures. Tix: $6 gen'l, $4 kids under 12. Info: 626-7360 (SF show), 943-SHOW (Walnut Creek).

DinoFest '91: Exhibit of 9 nearly lifesize automated dinosaurs. On exhibit thru 11/10 at the New Herbst Portico entrance of the Calif Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, SF. Info: 750-7145.

Pumpkin Festival in Sonoma County at Farmer's Market, West Plaza Park, Healdsburg. 10/19. Pumpkin decorating & carving competition at 10 am, pumpkin pie contest, plus the Great Pumpkin Race (at 11 am)—Cars must be made of pumpkins with a wheel case no greater than 11", wheels can be vegetable or mechanical. Call (707) 431-8409 for details. Market open for shopping.

Cody's for Kids (and their parents) presents "Storytime at Cody's," Thursday mornings at 10:30 am and Saturday mornings at 11 am. For kids ages 4-10. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

Acting Adventures for people ages 8-80: Class with American Conservatory Theater teacher Lynn Soffer. Learn the basics of acting, using specific experiences. Class culminates in a short presentation. 10/27, 2-5 pm at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 Californa St, SF. Class size limited, possible spaces left. Info: 346-6040.

Are You a Mother Who Wants to Quit Smoking? Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services offers free stop-smoking classes for mothers. Informal, support group format. Learn how to stop smoking, reduce stress, and enjoy being a parent. Help with childcare & transportation provided. Info/reg: Carmela Rosales 565-7682.

SF SPCA Birthday Parties for Kids: SF SPCA offers "Animal Awareness" birthday parties for kids ages 4-9, proceeds benefit the Society's Humane Education Program. Available party themes are "Pets" or "Wild Animals". Costumed party leaders bring a visting animal to every extravangaza, drawing from a roster that includes Tom Turtle, Longfellow the Rabbit, and Chelsea the Dog. Lively puppet shows promote responsible pet care or respect for wildlife, kids play various animal-themed games, receive coloring books & special prizes. Program lasts about one hour, leaving plenty of time for refreshments & gift-opening; and can be held in homes, yards or parks. $80 donation requested per party. Info: Kathy McAdams 554-3060.

Comedy Camp for Mommies

Big Kids/Little Kids: Sat morning art class at the de Young Museum for children ages 3½-6 and their parents, designed for the creative child in everyone. Led by professional artists; young children & their parents see works of art in the museum, then participate in related art experiences. The program is free, but there is a $5 museum entrance fee for adults. Golden Gate Park, SF. Call 750-3658 for complete schedule & other info. 10:30 am.

Doing & Viewing Art at the deYoung, for ages 7-13: Tours of current exhibits followed by studio workshops given by professional artist-teachers. Students learn about art by seeing it & making it. Children accepted on a drop-in basis. Free. For schedule/info: 750-3658. Info: 750-3658.

Art After School at the de Young, for ages 4-16. Tours of the museum, touchable art, studio activities. For fee schedule & other info call 750-3658. Classes meet once a week for 7 weeks.

KidsSings! Family Sing with Nancy Cassidy and Schola Cantorum choral ensemble. Half-hour sings appropriate for kids up to age 12. Kids are free, if accompanied by an adult. Following the KidSing, kids can join childcare while adults enjoy the rest of the evening. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, call 903-6000 for info/res.

Public Observation Programs provided by the Peninsula Astronomical Society. The Observatory is open on clear Friday nights for viewing of stars, planets, galaxies, star clusters & nebulae thru a 16-inch reflecting telescope or a 6-inch refractor telescope. Both events are free & the public is welcome. Observatory is located at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills, halfway round the campus loop near Parking Lot T. Info: 949-7334. Observatory is closed when it is cloudy.

"Under the Scuds: Response of Children in Haifa, Israel, to the Persian Gulf War," an exhibit of 21 drawings & collages done by Jewish & Arab schoolchildren in Haifa, Israel in immediate reaction to SCUD missile attacks during the Gulf War. Exhibit on view at the Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St, Berkeley. Thru 10/27. Hrs: Sun-Thurs 10 am-4 pm, closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710.

Parents & Family Support Group: Weekly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

1st Annual Oakland Sidewalk Chalk Festival: 10/26, in the 500-block of 21st St at Telegraph, downtown Oakland. Children are the focus of this street festival. Features hands-on booths involving chalk, clay, watercolors, fingerpaint, pen & pencil and other forms of art. For exact time & other details call (510) 832-1052 or (510) 547-4363.

3rd Annual Potrero Hill Fest: 10/19, 11 am-5 pm. Face-painting, storytelling, arts & crafts, ethnic foods, musical performances and more. Info: 826-8080. Admission free.

Lesbian & Gay Men Choosing Children: Seminars offered by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program. 10/26: 1-day seminar for lesbians & gay men exploring becoming parents. Meet other gay parents, find out what resources and options are available. Seminar repeats on 11/10. Pre-reg is required by 10/18 for these seminars, which will feature guest speakers as well as panel discussions on various topics including: adoption, lesbians & gay men parenting together, getting pregnant & birthing options. $50 SL. Info: 565-7674.

A Living Sober Event: Halloween Dance & Costume Contest! 10/26. SF location, childcare is provided! See Main Calendar listing for details.

Bay Area Discovery Museum, an interactive museum for children, offers various programs for kids & their parents. October Activities: 10/27, 10 am-4 pm, **4th Annual Goblin Jamboree**—includes haunted house, petting zoo, puppet & musical theatre, pony rides, fishing booths, trick-or-treating, face-painting & more. Bay Area Discovery Museum is located under the Golden Gate Bridge, in Sausalito. From SF take the Alexander Ave exit off Hwy 101 in Sausalito, follow the signs to East Fort Baker; from the North & Eastbay, take the last exit before the Golden Gate Bridge & follow signs to East Fort Baker. 557 East Fort Baker, Sausalito. For more info call 332-9646.

The SF League of Urban Gardens (SLUG) offers a learning & demonstration garden, Garden of the Environment, where workshops on organic gardening, water conservation & composting are regularly held. The Garden includes a children's gardening area. For more information call 468-0110.

pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. 1751 Sacramento St at Van Ness, SF. Info: 474-1608.

Reception for Carlos Fernando Chamorro, editor of the Nicaruagan daily *Barricada* and the monthly *Barricada Internacional*, at the Third World Organizing Retreat Center, 1218 E 21st St, Oakl. 4 pm. Info: 621-8981.

The "Hot Blooded" Series at A Different Light Bookstore hosts a reception for painter Ellen Lougee. 5:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Introduced by Arturo Arias, Guatemalan novelist Susanne Jonas leads a discussion of her new book, *The Battle for Guatemala: Rebels, Death Squads & US Power*. 7 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Plan the World Dance Party: Whiptail Womyn's Collective invites you to help organize their upcoming "World Dance Party" a celebration of the multicultural womyn's community of the SF/Bay Area. Want to make connections with other womyn? Sick of feeling isolated? Come join this group of womyn who believe we need womyn-only space. 7 pm mtg at New College, 766 Valencia St, SF.

The Poetry Clinic/Sonoma: Readings by Gabriel Ariel Levicky, Teddy Weiler & Richard Hack, plus open mike sign-up. 7:30-9:30 pm, free. Sonoma Coffee Co, 521 4th St, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 573-8022.

Francisco Herrera & Jon Fromer in concert to benefit the upcoming Encuentro del Canto Popular (November). 7:30 pm, $5-10 at La Pena Cultural Ctr, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

The "Hot-Blooded" Series at A Different Light Bookstore presents Dorothy Allison (*Trash, The Women Who Hate Me*) in a reading of new work. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Festival of the Babes Lesbian Soccer Tournament continues (see 10/12) at the Beach Cahlet Soccer Fields, Golden Gate Park, SF. 8 am-6 pm. See you there!

Pretty, Witty & Gay—Marga Gomez at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/10 listing for details.

OCT 14 / MON

Therapeutic Theatre Group: Day-long exploration of issues using a blend of humor, acting, improv techniques & therapeutic tools. Info: Karen Ripley (510) 649-8840 or Shari Levine, MFCC (415) 563-8217.

Carlos Fernando Chamorro, editor of Nicaragua's daily newspaper, *Barricada*, and the monthly *Barricada Internacional*, speaks at SF State University at 9:30 am. For info call 621-8981.

Hortiphiles Visit Blake Garden: Noon potluck, followed by garden tour at 2 pm. 70 Rincon Road, Kensington. Blake Garden includes the Blake mansion, plus several well-established formal gardens, pools, expansive lawns & incredible vistas. Guests & newcomers are welcome! Hortiphiles is a group for gay & lesbian plant & garden lovers. For more info call (510) 655-0437 or the Hortline at (415) 851-1022.

Carlos Fernando Chamorro, editor of the Nicaraguan daily *Barricada*, and the monthly *Barricada Internacional*, speaks at noon at a forum entitled, "Democracy & Dissent in the FSLN" at UC Berkeley. Spons by UCB's Latin American Studies Center. Call 621-8981 for details.

The Marsh Workshop: A playwriting workshop with Michelle Linfante. 10/14-12/16, 1-4 pm, $250. Utilizes writing exercises as well as improv & acting techniques to develop dramatic & comedic material. Class includes staged reading of scenes. Info/reg: 641-1795.

Art is Fresh: Workshops on the Realities of the Art World: Series of workshops spons by the Capp Street Project, to provide info/support on a range of issues faced by cultural workers, continues today & tmw with: "The Artist in the Community the Community & the Artist," with Jon Winet, visual artist, director of Southern Exposure Gallery, and founding member of the SF Bay Area Coalition for Freedom of Expression moderating a panel discussion with panelists Caryl Henry, Betty Kano, Maria Pinedo & reps from Guerilla Girls West; 10/14, 7-10 pm. "Creatives Ways to Support Oneself as an Artist," wkshop moderated by Capp Street Program Director Susan Miller. Panelists include psychotherapist & author Mandy Aftel, MA, MFCC; career advisor & singer Renee Hayes; and visual artist & teacher Calvin Wau Kaleonahe Ching; 10/15, 7-10 pm. Tix: $5 donation for each workshop. Space limited, pre-reg suggested, call 626-7747 for info, by 10/7. Capp Street Project, 270 14th St, SF.

Reading/Talking Women Group meets for potluck supper & discussion. 6:30-8:30 pm, 77 Waller St, SF. Call Pat 626-7000 for October title. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders).

Burlingame-Hillsborough Dykes— We know you're out there! Let's meet & eat—come to tonight's potluck at 7 pm. Call 343-7436 for info/location.

Bi-Friendly SF meets tonight for food, drink & conversation, see 10/7.

"Making Your Life Work," a series of ongoing, free workshops by Bert Herrman, author of *Being; Being Happy, Being Gay*. 7-9 pm at Rest Stop Center. Tonight's topic: Values Exploration. 134 Church St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: Erik 621-1701.

The Lavender Greens—the lesbian/gay chapter of The Green Party holds an orientation (7pm) and meeting (7:30pm) for all interested. For more info call 206-9941 or 824-6318.

The Flirtations at Josie's Cabaret: A return engagement by this politically active, openly gay, five-voice a capella singing group. Come hear their distinctive doo-wop—a night of great music, songs & fun. Plays Mon-Wed at 7 & 9 pm thru 10/16, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Cody's Books: Discussion of the new school of comics with Bob Callahan, editor of *The New Comics Anthology*, and contributors Dan O'Neill, Bill Griffith, S Clay Wilson, Krystine Krytre & Richard Sala. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Bay Area Theatresports (BATS): Night of comedy improv stories & plays at Asian American Theatre, 403 Arguello at Clement, SF. 8 pm, $7. Tonight & 10/21.

Monday Night Marsh series features new work 15-20 min in length by local performance artists. Tonight's program: Roberta D'Alois in "Why I Will Never Be a Contestant on Jeopardy!", Gary Glazner in "Turkey Hunting in Oklahoma," Deke Weaver in "Please Stop Barking I'm Very Busy." 8:30 pm, $5. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

OCT 15 / TUE

BACW Marin Dines Out: Today's the reservations deadline for champagne/calistoga brunch, see 10/20 listing for details.

"Strategizing Your Career Direction," a lecture/discussion by Susan Eveleth, career development specialist in UCSF's Development & Training Dept. Noon-1 pm, free. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Ctr & Support Group for Divorced & Separated Women. For info call 476-0400.

Art is Fresh workshop series continues at Capp Street with "Creative Ways to Support Oneself as an Artist," see 10/14 listing for details.

Support Group for Gay Asian/Pacific Islander Men starts tonight, and continues for 8 Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm at Paicific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. The group will focus on issues surrounding the topic of "relationship." For complete info, call (510) 841-6274 or Michael at (510) 548-6231.

"Dare to Prosper," talk by Sharon Hart, psychologist & co-director of Awareness Into Action Institute. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Yes, Virginia, Fat Women Do Have Great Sex—today is the reg deadline for this workshop at Good Vibrations, see 10/22 listing for details.

Between Heaven & Earth: *A Guide to Chinese Medicine*—authors Harriet Beinfield & Efrem Korngold discuss their book, a layperson's guide to identifying oneself within the Chinese holistic medical model where each person is a miniature of the greater cosmos, identified with one of the five elemental powers of Wood, Fire, Earth, Metal or Water. 7 pm at Gaia Bookstore, 1400 Shattuck Ave & Rose, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-4172. $3, free with book purchase.

The Flirtations **at Josie's**—see 10/14.

Lesbian & Gay Domestic Violence Forum spons by Community United Against Violence (CUAV), WOMAN, Inc and Metropolitan Community Church (MCC). Panel discussion focusing on survivors and services for survivors. Speakers include longtime activist Del Martin, Wenny Kusuma of Rosalie House & Greg Merrill of CUAV. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month—come break the silence around this issue in our community. 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Donation requested. Info: 864-3112.

Forum on Lesbian/Gay Domestic Violence—speakers include Del Martin, Frank Ospital, Wenny Kusuma of Rosalie House, Greg Merill of CUAV and Edie Resto of La Casa de las Madres. CUAV, WOMAN, Inc. and MCC are sponsors of this important event. 7:30pm at MCC, 150 Eureka, SF. For more info: 864-3112.

At Black Oak Books: RA Sasaki reads from her first short story collection, *The Loom & Other Stories*. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

"Intimacy & Autonomy: How to Have Both in a Loving Relationship," talk by Arnie Scher & Zara Babitzke, part of SF Jewish Community Center's "Tempting Tuesday" singles lecture series. 7:30 pm, $12. 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Salsa Dance Music at Esta Noche benefits the Gloria LaRiva for Mayor campaign. Party 8-11pm, $5. Call 821-7575 for info or to volunteer for campaign.

Pat Holt & Hal Lipset: Literary critic Pat Holt interviews Lipset, one of the most respected private detectives in America, and author of *The Bug in the Martini Olive: And Other True Cases from the Files of Hal Lipset, Private Eye*. Lipset was defense investigator for clients such as Angela Davis & the United Farm Workers, but built his practice on chasing ambulances & photographing illicit couples in bed. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Prose & Poetry Reading at Intersection with Hilton Obenzinger & Knox Bronson. 8 pm. 446 Valencia St, SF. Info: 626-2787.

Electric City video program featuring "insight, education & entertainment" for the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, airs tonight and every Tues at 10 pm in the Southbay (Mt View, Los Altos, Cupertino) on cable channel 30. Program details: 861-7131.

Photo by Irene Young

Brenda Wong Aoki performs her solo show "Obake! Tales of Spirits Past and Present. Open Oct 16; OnStage has details.

OCT 16 / WED

Empowerment Careers in Latin America. Workshops for persons with cultural sensitivity & commitment to social change. $35. Info: BOSS-America/Servicios Metropolitanos, 626-6706 ext 2.

Asian AIDS Project, an AIDS education/prevention agency, needs volunteers for its programs dealing with the general Asian community, women & youth. AIDS info provided in Chinese, English, Tagalog, Thai & Vietnamese. Call 227-0946.

Shanti Volunteer Sign-Up Day: Volunteers needed to provide emotional support to people with AIDS in SF. Training on 10/26-27 & 11/2-3, but early sign-up is required. Call Mike Frederickson 777-2273 for info.

Lesbians Over 60 Support Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets noon-2 pm at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Gay USA, Gay Cable Network's (GCN) biweekly nationally distributed news program airs 1-2 pm on SF Viacom cable channel 25.

Healing Through Sound program at Rest Stop Support Center. Tibetan bells, with guest artists Edie Hartshorne. 1:30-3:45 pm. 134 Church St at Market, SF. Info: Betsy Rose 621-1701, 525-7082.

Women & Psychotherapy— Their Central Dilemmas & the Role of the Feminist Therapist: A presentation/discussion by Jan Faulkner & Joan Hamerman-Robbins at Mama Bears. 7 pm, $5. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

Anita Roddick, author of *Body & Soul: Animal Rights, Ecological Values & Socially Responsible Business*, "radical capitalist" and founder of The Body Shop International, discusses her unconventional views on running a socially responsible business on a foundation of caring & community rather than greed & hype. 7 pm at Gaia Bookstore, 1400 Shattuck Ave at Rose, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-4172.

Bi-Friendly Eve at the Brainwash: Come bring your wash & socialize at this popular combination laundromat & bar. 7 pm, 1122 Folsom St nr 8th, SF.

At the Blue Muse tonight: Comic Michael ("Don't Mess with Mona") Greer & vocalist Marta Sanders, tonight thru 10/20. Tix $8 Wed-Thurs, $10 Fri-Sun. Info/res: 626-7505. 409 Gough St, SF.

Total Touch Massage, a drop-in group oil massage for men, see 10/9.

The Flirtations **at Josie's**—see 10/14.

Bi-Friendly UC meets tonight for support group/social, see 10/2.

Some Ways to Express Yourself Intimately: 3rd in a series of wkshops on developing intimacy. Brief presentation, followed by small group discussion. 7:30-9:45 pm, $5-10. Spons by Spiritual Partnerships Associates. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: Keith 252-9084.

The Poetry Clinic presents readings by Gabriel Ariel Levicky, Teddy Weiler & Richard Hack. Also open mike sign-up. 7:30-9:30 pm, free. Sacred Grounds, 2095 Hayes St, SF. Info: 387-3859.

Speaker Willie L Brown at SF Jewish Community Ctr: Speaker Brown addresses current issues in state & national affairs, sharing his perspective as an active member of the state legislature. Audience questions encouraged. 7:30 pm, $3. 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

"The Power of Humor in Reducing Stress," a talk by stand-up comic Dr Stu Silverstein about the healing powers of humor & laughter. 7:30 pm, $5. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Gay Square Dance Class with Western Star Dancers. Lesbians & gay men are welcome to join in the joy & camaraderie of modern square dancing. Class meets Wed 7:30-9:30 pm. Tonight's intro session is free. In the Castro at Eureka Valley Rec Center, 100 Collingwood at 18th, SF. Info: 864-6134.

At Black Oak Books: Eddie Lazarus discusses *Black Hills/White Justice: The Sioux Nation Versus the United States, 1775 to the Present*, a detailed account of the embattled & embittered relationship between the US government & the Sioux. Writer/attorney Lazarus is the son of Arthur Lazarus, the attorney who represented the Sioux nation for 23 years and argued the Black Hills case before the Supreme Court. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

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Ron Ginsberg, Bay Dining Editor
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spons by Centerspace Dance Foundation/Gary Palmer Dance Co. Performances Wed-Sat 10/16-19 at 8 pm, Sun 10/20 3 & 8 pm. This year's "Men Dancing 10" includes two different programs presented on alternate days. Program 1: Wed & Fri at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm—Foggy City Dancers (square dance), Remy Charlip (modern), Matthew Child & Dudley Brooks (modern), Jon Weaver (modern), Lawrence Pech (ballet), Nemesio Paredes (flamenco), Na Lei Hulu I Ka Wekiu (Hawaiian), Duncan Macfarland (modern). Program 2: Thurs, Sat & Sun at 8 pm—SF Saddletramps (western), Mark Foehringer (ballet), Brazil Dance Revue (capoeira), Jeff Friedman (modern), GAPA Dance Co (Filipino-Muslim), Arturo Fernandez (modern), Robert Henry Johnson (modern). Tix $12 & $15. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St, btwn 17th & Mariposa, SF. Info/res: 621-7797.

At Cody's Books: Author Jonathan Gash discusses his book, *The Great California Game*, a witty & irreverent book about a gambling tournament with deadly stakes. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

At Modern Times Bookstore: "Naked/Story," a reading by SF poets Dan Bellm & Jules Mann. 8 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Comedy at El Rio with Karen Ripley, Lisa Geduldig, Mark Davis & Rocky Cologne. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Global Riot—Gay Comedy at Josies, Oct 23.

OCT 17 / T H U

The Courage to Care: Free 2-day seminar spons by Shanti. Designed to acknowledge, renew, and enhance the skills of professional health care & social service providers who are on the front lines of AIDS. Advance registration is required. Continuing ed units available. To register call Barbara Englis 777-2273.

Creating Change West: A Conference for Lesbian & Gay Californians—today thru 10/20 in Los Angeles. Guest speakers: "outing expert" Michelangelo Signorile, Salk Institute neuroscientist Simon LeVay, and others including Torie Osborn, Carole Migden, Roberta Achtenberg, Carmen Vazquez, Carol Anderson, Phill Wilson & Dave Johnson. Workshops on a variety of topics ranging from lesbian health issues to gay mentoring, erotic readings, fundraising & more. The 2nd Gay Men of Color AIDS Institute will be held in conjunction with this conference. For info call (213) 960-2045.

1-Day Beginning Word Perfect 5.1 Class offered by Women's Computer Literacy Center. For people with working knowledge of computers. Call 677-9101 for info/reg.

"Peoples & Cultures of the Indonesian Archipelago," lecture by Mary Zurbuchen, first of a four-part series of events focusing on Indonesia. 11 am-12:30 pm, free. Cloud Hall, room 246, City College of SF, Ocean & Phelan Aves, SF. Info: 239-3580.

Coffee, Conversation & Canasta Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets today, see 10/17 listing.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Clinic for people with HIV Infection: 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions/problems. 6:15-8:30 pm tonight & 10/24, free. 114 Sansome St, Ste 1103, SF. Appt required, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454 for appt/info.

Rainbow's End lesbian, gay & bisexual youth group meets, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

Footwork's 1991 Edge Festival featuring cutting-edge dance & performance art continues thru 11/9. Program—10/17-19: "Falling" by the High Risk Group, with film work by Greta Snider. 10/24-26: "The Importance of Being Ernesto" by Ernesto Sanchez. 11/7-9: "Tearsheets (Letters I Didn't Send Home)" by Joan Hotchkins. 8:30 pm, $10. Footwork Studio, 3221 22nd St at Mission, SF. Info/res: 824-5044.

"Mythic Archetypes of Chinese Medicine," a lecture with Harriet Beinfield, LAc & Efrem Korngold, LAc, OMD, co-authors of *Between Heaven Earth: A Guide to Chinese Medicine*. 7-9 pm, $6. Part of Planetree Health Resource Center's health lecture series. At Planetree Ctr, Calif Pacific Medical Center, 2040 Webster St, SF. Info/res: 293-3680.

Women's Alcohol-Free Social at Mama Bears: 7-11 pm. Women only. Suzanne Judith offers tarot readings ($10), call ahead to reserve a time slot. Info/res: (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

Psycho Killers & Twisted Sisters, a clip/commentary presentation by gay film historian Daniel Mangin at the Castro Theatre. 7 & 9 pm. 429 Castro St, SF.

"Christian Consciousness," 4th lecture in the "A Journey Through the Evolution of Western Consciousness," series with Robert McDermott. 7-9 pm. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

'W' Womyn's Night at Thunderbay with dj Annie "Fingertips" Bruhaus, go-go girls, pool tables, visuals, etc. 1 Bolivar Drive, Berkeley. Info: 843-5582.

Gay Men's Sketch—informal drop-in drawing group that focuses on the male nude. Classical nude modeling by bodybuilding Jim Rueth. 150 Eureka St., Rm 205, 7pm. Half price Oct special—$6/session. 621-6294.

At The Blue Muse tonight—Michael Greer & Marta Sanders, see 10/16.

At Black Oak Books: Author Terry Tempest Williams (*Pieces of White Shell: A Journey Through Navaho Land*) reads from her new book, *Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family & Place*. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: "The Art of Kissing." All women are welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260. Rap followed by coffee at Ramona's, 541 Ramona, btwn University & Hamilton, Palo Alto.

Creating A Bisexual Culture is the topic of tonight BABN (Bay Area Bisexual Network) Forum. 7:30 pm. Call 564-BABN for location. See you there.

Exotic Jewish Communites Around the World, lecture series with Ken Blady, continues with "The Dagger-wielding Tat Mountain Jews of Daghestan, Caucasia," a look at the Jewish Tribespeople of Daghistan, who are believed to be descended from families who came from Palestine before the destruction of the First Temple in 586 BCE. The Jewish "Cossacks" of this region had a reputation as courageous & fierce warriors. 7:30 pm, $7 drop-in. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Men Dancing 10—the 10th Annual Men Dancing program spons by Centerspace Dance Foundation/Gary Palmer Dance Co at Theater Artaud, see 10/16.

"Pretty, Witty & Gay," with Marga Gomez at Josie's Cabaret. Scorching new solo comedy—Marga invites the audience into her bedroom for a nonstop sexual send-up as she reads from the unpublished diaries of Anais Nin, is possessed by the spirit of Miss Jane Hathaway, rewrites the Bible, battles extortionists, and almost loses her nerve on the eve of her first appearance on a TV talk show panel as an Adult Female Homosexual. Plays Thurs-Sun thru 11/3 at 8 pm, with added 10 pm shows on Fridays. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/es: 861-7933.

Jazz with *The Virginia Mayhew Group*, live from New York. At Pearl's Restaurant & Bar, 256 Columbus Ave, SF. Info: 291-8255.

At Old Wives Tales Bookstore: Ann MacLeod reads from her first novel, *Being Someone*, a story spanning 11 years of feminism and an equally-long lesbian relationship. 8 pm, $3-10 SL fee benefits Old Wives Tales, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Members of the SF Greens read from & discuss the new anthology, *The Green Reader*, a collection of key documents of the Green movement, covering Green philosophy, economics & political strategies. 8 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

At Cody's Books: Petru Popescu, author of *Amazon Beaming*, presents a talk & slideshow with Loren McIntyre, author of *Amazonia*. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Exhibit Opening: See "Femme Variations—Vampires, Femme Fatales, Bondage, Transvestism & Primeval Lust," works by Robert Pritchard, focusing on intense female erotic energy. Exhibit includes approx 25 pieces in oil, mixed media & photography. 7-10 pm, $5 tonight. 2-5 pm, $2-10, 10/20. Special opening night performance at 8:30 pm—Kleo's Kinky Band with Fakir Musafar & The Kinkettes in a very "knotty" fusion music/bondage piece. Info: 550-7776. Part of QSM's series of educational & artistic programs for the s/m community.

Israeli Ambassador to the US, the Honorable Zalman Shoval, speaks on "The Road to Peace, the Future of American/Israeli Relations," at a free community gathering tonight at Congregation Emanu-El, Arguello & Lake Sts, SF. 8 pm. Co-spons by the Jewish Community Federation and the Jewish Community Relations Council. Info: JCRC 957-1551.

7th Annual ON SCREEN Festival: Tonight thru 10/20. Celebrates the work of women in film, video & television, thru screenings of national & international feature films, shorts, music videos, documentaries & television programs. Festival held at the Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St at Valencia, and at the Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St btwn 24th & 25th, SF. Screenings $6, seminars $15, opening night $35, career achievement award ceremony $25. Tix available at the Roxie box office: 863-1087.

OCT 18 / F R I

Lesbians & Gay Men Choosing Children: Registration deadline for seminars spons by Lyon Martin Women's Health Services, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

Moscow/SF Dinner Party: A benefit bon voyage for Kevin Gardner, who is leaving to help develop an AIDS treatment program in Russia, linking SF, Moscow & St Petersberg. 5:30-8 pm, $20 donation. 3650 21st St btwn Church & Sanchez, SF. Info: 255-8680.

Acting Class at SFJCC—Today's the deadline to register for this class for ages 8-80, see 10/27 listing for details, or call 346-6040.

Youth Support Group spons by the LYFE program of Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Today's the last day for new members to join this group for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning youth under age 21. Call 565-7681 for details.

7th Annual ON SCREEN Festival of work by women in film, video & TV—see 10/17 listing for details.

At Dark Carnival Bookstore: Acclaimed young author Francesca Lia Block reads from her new novel *Witch Baby*, sequel to her award-winning *Weetzie Bat*. 6 pm. 2978 Adeline Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7757.

BACW Sonoma New Member TGIF: Join Bay Area Career Women Sonoma County in a kiss-the-week-goodbye eve of relaxation, repast & really nice women. $6 includes hors d'eouvres & beverages. 6 pm. For info/location call Toni (707) 578-7743 or Amy (707) 874-1621.

At Gaia Bookstore: Franciscan friar, Brother Ron Pickarski, food columnist for *Total Health Magazine* and the first vegetarian chef to be certified by the American Culinary Federation, gives a presentation based on his book *Friendly Foods*. Come hear a wholistic approach to creating firendly gourmet vegetarian meals that are friendly to our body, pocketbook & busy schedule. Ron also premieres his video & shares a few gourmet treats, so don't miss! 7 pm. 1400 Shattuck Ave at Rose, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-4172.

At The Blue Muse tonight—Michael Greer & Marta Sanders, see 10/16.

"Psychology & the Transpersonal: An Integration of Kohut & Jung," a workshop with Mary Tennes, 7-9 pm tonight, 9:30 am-5:30 pm tmw. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Gay & Lesbian History Series at Berkeley Public Library continues with a free slideshow & informal discussion presented by the Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California. 7:30 pm at Berkeley Public Library West Branch, 1125 University Ave, east of San Pablo. Spons by Friends of the Library. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: (510) 644-6870 or (510) 644-6095.

"The Redder the Better," a Mix Red Party at Thunderbay. Visuals, video, diversions. 1 Bolivar Drive, Berkeley. Info: 843-5582.

Night of Spontaneous Improv with The Flash Family at Julia Morgan Theater. Innovative, entertaining, timely & completely spontaneous! 8 pm, $12 gen'l, $10 stdnts & srs. One night only! Info/res: (510) 84-JULIA.

Cabaret 13, an eve of song by the SF Gay Men's Chorus soloists & small groups. Several quartets, including the Chorus' popular Chamber singers, perform music particularly suited to the intimate setting of the York Hotel's Plush Room (940 Sutter St, SF). Tonight at 8 pm, tmw at 7 pm. Info/tix: 864-0326.

Men Dancing 10—10th Annual Men Dancing celebration at Theater Artaud, see 10/16.

At Cody's Books: Native American novelist James Welch reads & discuses his most recent novel, *The Indian Lawyer*, the story of Sylvester Yellow Calf, a Blackfoot Indian lawyer caught between worlds. Book explores the struggle of American Indians to balance their emotional & spiritual needs within a white culture. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Gwen Avery in Concert at Mama Bears. 8 pm, $7-9. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

"Pretty, Witty & Gay," with Marga Gomez at Josie's, see 10/17.

Reading by Ann Lauterbach at New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom St, SF. 8 pm, $3. Info/res: 626-5416.

***Grupo Campana* in concert at La Pena:** An eve of Afro-Venezuelan rhythms led by Jackeline Rago & Ray Davis. with Rosa Granadillo, Francy Hernandez, Rowan Jimenez, Erika Luckett, Hector Lugo & guest artists. 8:30 pm, $8. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 849-2568.

nZinga World Beat Party at El Rio, 3158 Mission St, SF. 9 pm-2am, $3. Info: 282-3325.

Bi-Friendly Dancing at the Mix: 9:30 pm, look for the bi-pride t-shirts! 1 Bolivar Drive (near Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info/directions: (510) 843-5582.

"Strange Weather," a program of readings by poets Sparrow 13, Julia Vinograd & Max Valerio. 10:30 pm, $4. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 558-8112.

OCT 19 / S A T

Pumpkin Festival Day in Sonoma: Day of pumpkin carving, games, races, etc. See Parents & Kidsbox for details.

The Rafiki Services Project Practical Support Training begins today. RSP offers both practical & emotional support trainings for anyone who would like to become a volunteer for an African American with AIDS or HIV-related illness. Info: 346-5860.

So, You Want to Be A Judge—today's the deadline to RSVP for this Calif Women Lawyers workshop, see 10/26 listing for details.

Wunderlich Park Hike (nr Woodside, San Mateo County) with SF Hiking Club: Exploratory hike follows the Alambique Trail to Skyline Trail at the crest of the Santa Cruz Mountains, where we'll stop for lunch & views. Return by Skyline, Alambique, Bear Gulch, Meadow, Redwood & Loop Trails to our starting point. 11-12 mile moderate-to-difficult hike thru varied terrain & ecosystems. Elevation gain 1800 ft. Auto travel 70 miles round-trip, gas cost $7 per car, to be shared among passengers. Bring lunch & canteen with water. Rain cancels. Meet 9:15 am at the big Safeway sign, Market & Dolores St, SF. Peninsula residents meet 10 am at the parking lot at park entrance on Woodside Road, 1/3 mile north of La Honda Road. Leader: Marko Perdih.

Strawberry Canyon Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. From UC Berkeley Campus, take Piedmont Ave/Gayley Rd to Stadium Rim Way. Go east (uphill) to N. Canyon Rd & continue uphill past tennis courts, botanical gardens, & Lawrence Hall of Science. Take sharp right to Space Sciences Bldg, parking lot (sign is on left). 9:30 am. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

Coming Out 1-Day Wkshop for Women new to woman-loving identity. Share feelings, fears, and joys in a safe, confidential setting. Discuss body image, roles, being single, and dating. Work on sexual identity issues. Learn more about lesbian culture, community, oppression. Begin to create a support network. Appropriate for women in any stage of the coming out process. In Mountain View (40 min south of SF). 10 am-4:30 pm, $35-50 SL fee. Info/reg: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981.

7th Annual ON SCREEN Festival of work by women in film, video & TV—See 10/16 listing for details.

Russian Hill Tree Tour: Guided Tour offered by SF Friends of the Urban Forest. 10 am-noon. Explore one of SF's most elegant neighborhoods, with magnificent views in all directions, and many hidden treasures along public stairways and in many private courtyards. Led by Lin Galea. Meet at the corner of Francisco & Polk, SF. For more info & to confirm schedule, call 543-5000.

"Healing Our Lives," wkshop with Dale Borglum. Explores the attitudes & states of heart/mind which are necessary for consciously working with transformation & life-threatening illness. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Living With A Rape Survivor: Group for women & men whose lives have been affected by the rape of a friend, family member, spouse or partner. Focus on how to provide caring, sensitive support for rape survivors, while taking care of yourself. Facilitated by K Kaufmann of SF WAR (Women Against Rape) and David Lee of MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). 10 am-noon at MOVE, 54 Mint St, Ste 300, SF. Free. Info: 861-2024.

Weekend College Info Mtg at New College of California. You may be able to finish your BA in as little as one year, come find out how. 10:30-noon at New College, 777 Valencia St, SF. Info: 626-1694 ext 162.

Old Wives Tales Bookstore celebrates its 15th Birthday: Today & tmw, 11 am-7 pm. Everything in the store (great books, T-shirts, jewelry, music & more) is *20 percent off*—so don't miss! 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

Vocals & Guitar Wkshop with songwriter/performer Judith Kate Friedman. 11:30 am-2 pm, $25 adv, $30 at door. Limited to 6, pre-reg highly recommended. Call 668-9221. Haight Street, SF location.

Goddess Religion & Ritual Magic Class with Susan Levitt. Noon-3 pm today at Dolphin Dream in Walnut Creek, and in SF at Red Rose Gallerie on 10/27. Info: 927-4170.

Get an Inside View of Pacific Heights on today's Western Pacific Heights Interiors Walk spons by the Foundation for SF's Architectural Heritage. Tour includes the interiors of some of the most notable homes in the Pacific Heights & Presidio Heights neighborhoods. Noon-5 pm, $25. Tour begins at Town School, 2750 Jackson St, SF. Info/res: 441-3000.

Women's Rites: Creating Affirmative Rituals—wkshop spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center, facilitated by Lupa, who was consecrated to the Goddess in her Many Guises in 1989 by the Fellowship of the Spiral Path, a NeoPagan spiritual network. Use visualization, chanting & the remembering of our diverse & unique stories to learn how to integrate affirmative ritual into your daily life. Create sacred space (bring something you'd like to put on the altar) & explore how the Old Ways, ceremony & ritual of our ancient grandmothers can be reawakened to empower us as women in the 1990s. 1-5 pm, $20-40 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. Pre-reg required, call 476-5836.

GRASSHOPPER gallery of comment opens today, 2-9pm, with "I think I feel something"—gouache paintings by Nancy Kiefer and "Portrait of the Artist Taking a Dump"—wood sculpture by S. Dawkins; puppet show "Deadly Swamp Products"; a fundraiser for Concord City Council hopeful Sadie Sadie the Rabbi Lady—"So many bigots, so little time"; comic Jack B. Nimble; and music by Exclusive Productions. Come expecting a party. If you juggle, bring your balls. 3915 Telegraph, a half block from MacArt BART. A Lesbian Production.

"Isn't It Romantic?" a formal dinner/dance to benefit the Billy DeFrank Lesbian & Gay Community Center, featuring the *Zasu Pitts Memorial Orchestra*. 6:30-7 pm champagne reception for singles, hosted by the DeFrank Board of Directors. 7-7:45 pm no-host cocktails. Dinner & dance at 8 pm. Tix: $80. Dancing only: 9:30 pm-1 am, tix $40 at door. Regency Ballroom, Fairmont Hotel, San Jose. Dinner reservations must be received by 10/12. Dinner reservations & advance tix are available at the DeFrank Center, and at Sisterspirit Bookstore.

BWMT Rap/Social Night: Join Black & White Men Together for a discussion on AIDS Awareness Month. 7 pm. 1350 Waller St nr Haight & Masonic, SF. Doors open at 6:30 pm, rap begins promptly at 7. Facilitated by Peter Eggenberger, greeter Calvin Lowery. Everyone welcome! Refreshments served.

Cabaret 13, an eve of song with SF Gay Men's Chorus soloists at the York Hotel, see 10/18.

BWMT Potluck Games Night: Join Black & White Men Together for potluck dinner & night of fun games. Bring your favorite dish, dessert, or drink to share. 7 pm. 1350 Waller St, nr Haight & Masonic, SF.

At The Blue Muse tonight—Michael Greer & Marta Sanders, see 10/16.

Classic jazz vocals with *The Jesters* at Asta Restaurant & Bar, One Rincon Center, 101 Spear St, SF. 7:30-11:30 pm. No cover, reservations required. Info: 495-ASTA.

Music & Comedy Improv at Mama Bears with Over Our Heads (Karen Ripley, Teresa Chandler, Annie Larson & Marion Damon). 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: 428-9684.

The Unknown Telemann: Concert of rarely-heard works by GP Telemann opens the SF Bach Choir's 56th season. 8 pm tonight & 4 pm tmw at St Luke's Episcopal Church, Van Ness & Clay, SF. Tix $13 gen'l, $8 stndts & srs, in advance. Door tix: $16 gen'l, $10 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 931-4529.

Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra in concert of works by Handel, Vivaldi & Corelli at First Congregational Church in Berkeley. 8 pm tonight, 7:30 pm tomorrow. Tix: $18-25 at door. Info: City Box Office 392-4400.

Contemporary Folk at KBBK: Concert with Judith Kate Friedman & Laura Chandler. 8 pm, $6. KBBK Studios, 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. Info: 563-9046.

Judith Kate Friedman in concert at KBBK Studios, Laura Chandler opens. 8 pm, $6. 465 Broderick at Hayes, SF. Reservations suggested, call 563-9046.

"Pretty, Witty & Gay," with Marga Gomez at Josie's, see 10/17.

Men Dancing 10: The 10th Annual Men's Dancing Celebration at Theater Artaud, see 10/16.

Doug Varone & Dancers perform at Stanford Uinversity's Memorial Auditorium. 8 pm. Tix: $20, $18, $16 & $14. $3 discount for students. Info/res: 725-ARTS, 762-BASS.

At Cody's Books: Photographer Annie Leibovitz discusses *Annie Leibovitz: Photographs 1970-1990*, a stunning collection spanning her first 20 years. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

ATA Other Cinema Series: "Our Bodies, Ourselves," program depicts a very broad range of body images, including Annie Sprinkle's video essay, *Linda/Les & Annie,* a gender-fucking love story from the true account of a female-to-male sex change; *Jollies,* Sadie Benning's story of her lesbian awakening; Sallie Fuchs' film chronicle of her bulimia; plus *Nice Girls Don't Do It,* a video gush over female ejaculation; and *Too Much Too Soon,* a reconsideration of women's bodybuilding. 8:30 pm, $5. Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Lisa Gray, 1991 Cable Car Award-winner, in an eve of jazz, blues, ballads & more at the Blue Muse, 409 Gough St at Hayes, SF. 3 sets: 9, 10 & 11 pm. No cover, 2-drink minimum. Info/res: 626-7505.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's with comics Karen Williams, Michael Savoy & Dan Morgan. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Halloween at Klubstitute Queer Nite Club & Cabaret: The notorius theatre group, The Sick & Twisted Players, present "Halloween: Starring Daniel Boone," a full-scale production mixing the fierce camp humor of the classic TV series "Daniel Boone" with the low budget gore of the horror film "Halloween". Cast includes: Miss X, Tony Vaguely, Omewenne, Leigh Crow, Timmy Spence, Don Baird & many more. Dance to the music of guest dj Don Baird. Door Whore Supreme: Miss Kitty Litter. 10 pm, $4.98. 21 & over only, bring ID. Info: 826-5358. 1751 Fulton St nr Masonic (in the upper Haight), SF.

Rock at El Rio with *Zircus*. 10 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Late Night Marsh series presents "The Love that Shrieks" and "One Gal Show," see 10/12 listing for details.

Blonde Like You: Albert Greenberg's one-man show, a work-in-progress at Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave, Berkeley. 10:30 pm, $7. Info/res: (510) 84-JULIA.

OCT 20 / SUN

Embarcadero Run with SF Frontrunners. Meet 9 am at Justin Herman Plaza, behind the Hyatt Regency (foot of Market St, SF) for a 4.5 mile flat run along the Embarcadero to the end of Muni Pier and back. Info: Marie 921-3697.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch & support group for Asian lesbians 35 years & over. 10 am-noon, free. Info: 482-0787.

7th Annual ON SCREEN Festival of work by women in film, TV and video. Final day! See 10/17 listing for details.

Old Wives Tales Bookstore: 15th birthday celebration, see 10/19.

BACW Marin Dines Out: Join Bay Area Career Women for an elegant champagne/calistoga brunch. Dine in the historic brick kiln at Remillard's, Larkspur Landing. Limited to 14 women, $28.25 includes all you can drink, choice of entree, dessert, tax & tip. Reservations & check required by 10/15. Call Avril 383-6737 for info.

Vegas in Space—world premiere at the Castro Theatre: Frameline & Film Arts Foundation (FAF) present the benefit world premire of Doris Fish & Phillip R Ford's long-awaited feature, an outer space adventure musical comedy dealing with the glamorous, irrational behavior on an all-female planet. The four-man crew of the USS Intercourse races across the cosmos on a secret mission to the Planet Clitoris, a "babes-only" world where men are forbidden to touch down. 8 pm, $10 for screening only, $25 includes screening and post-premiere gala cast party. Proceeds benefit Shanti Project & the production. Tix available at A Different light Bookstore on Castro St, or at Film Arts Foundation, 346 9th St, SF, 2nd floor. To charge by phone call 552-8760.

Intro to Organic Gardening: Carl Grimm, aka "Dr SLUG" gives a thorough, friendly intro to organic gardening. Topics include garden design, soil prep & planting, how to make compost, how to care for a garden naturally. 1-4 pm, $12 at Garden for the Environment, 7th Ave & Lawton, SF. Call SF League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) to pre-register—468-0110.

Eastbay Gay Men— North Oakland/Berkeley Gay Men's Potluck Brunch at 1 pm, nr Alcatraz & College. Bring a dish & come meet other local types! Free. Info/location: John (510) 843-6383.

Lesbian Cultural Uprising event seeks women performance artists, see 10/13 listing.

G Forty Plus Mtg: Writer Ralph Judd presents a slideshow & talk about drag in the movies from 1910 to today. Judd has an extensive collection of drag-oriented movie memorabilia. 2-4 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Info: 552-1997.

Songwriting Workshop with Judith Kate Friedman. Open to both beginners & accomplished songwriters. Review basics of the craft, problem solve, explore constructive methods of critique & revision, and have lots of fun while you're at it! You'll leave with a bunch of practical resources, affirmation of your artistry and the experience of co-writing (group writes a song). 2-4:30 pm, $25 adv, $30 at door. Limited to 8, pre-reg to reserve your spot—call 668-9221. Haight Street, SF location.

Exhibit: Femme Variations—Vampires, Femme Fatales, Bondage, Transvestism & Primeval Lust. 2-5 pm, $2. For details call QSM 550-7776. Also see 10/17 listing.

At Cody's Books: Author Dorothy Bryant (*The Kin of Ata Are Waiting For You; The Confessions of Madame Psyche*) discusses her new book *The Test*. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo, 10-member group performing traditional a capella music originally sung by South African miners. 2:30 pm at Memorial Auditorium, Stanford University. Tix: $25-$19 ($3 discount for students). Info/res: 725-ARTS or 762-BASS

Sansei writer David Mura, poet, critic, essayist, and Intersection's Writer-in-Residence, gives a reading from his work (*After We Lost Our Way, Turning Japanese*, and new work) today at 3 pm. 446 Valencia St, SF. Info: 626-2787. $4.

El Rio 13th Anniversary Party! Come celebrate with *El Grupo Sinigual*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Gwen Avery in Concert at Josie's: soul, r&b, blues & gospel with the Bay Area's "sugar mama of soul". 4 pm, $6. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

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Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra Previews. Thurs evenng previews of the fall concert series being tonight with John Butt, UC Berkeley organist & Philharmonia keyboardist, accompanied by Christie Brown & Stephen Rumph. 7:30-9:30 pm at MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda at Marin, Berkeley. Four sessions, 7-9:30 pm, $60/$50 per session. Info: (510) 528-1685.

The Art of Hildegard Haas & Music of the 18th Century: Program features the music of Bach, Mozart & Scarlatti, illustrated by paintings & drawings of Hildegaard Haas, performed by the *Artaria String Quartet*, with Laurette Goldberg on harpsichord. 5 pm, $15 gen'l, $12 srs & stdnts. At MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda at Marin, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 528-1685.

At The Blue Muse tonight—Michael Greer & Marta Sanders, see 10/16.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Award-winning filmmaker & theorist Trinh Minh-Ha discusses her new book, *When the Moon Waxes Red: Representation, Gender & Cultural Politics. 7 pm, donation. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.*

GLAAD Mtg: Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation meeting screens & discusses *The Last Laugh*, a new film with 20 Bay Area stand-up comics, including 9 people with AIDS. Why isn't it on PBS? Come talk with co-producer Karin Babbit & find out. 7 pm, free. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 861-4588.

Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra in a concert of works by Handel, Vivaldi & Corelli at First Congregational Church in Berkely. 7:30 pm. Tix $18-$25 at door. Info: City Box Office 392-4400.

The "Hot Blooded" Series at A Different Light Bookstore presents author Lucy Jane Bledsoe in a reading of new "girl jock" fiction. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At Black Oak Books: poet/translator Stephen Mitchell (*Tao Te Ching; The Book of Job*) reads from his new translation, *The Gospel According to Jesus: A New Translation & Guide to His Essential Teachings for Believers & Unbelievers*. Book offers a look at the gospel without the prejudice of the Evangelists & church doctrine, as well as illuminating parallels from the Hindu, Buddhist, Sufi & Jewish traditions. 7:30 pm, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

Teadance at Thunderbay with dj's Larry Larue & Luis Anthony. Go-go guys, draft beer bust. No cover! 1 Bolivar Drive, Berkeley. Info: 843-5582.

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Photo by Mark Rothman

Lanie Zera in "Tales on an Exhausted Woman," part of the On Screen Film Festival. Opens Oct 17.

OCT 21 / MON

Northern Calif Conference for Nonprofits—today's the deadline for discount registration fees, see 10/31 listing for details.

2-Day Computer Competency/WordPerfect 5.1 Class offered by Women's Computer Literacy Center. Emphasis on fundamental computer concepts & DOS on day 1. Day 2 focus on WordPerfect 5.1. Feminist teaching approach. Free practice time after class. Info/reg: 677-9101.

Midlife Lesbians Career Support Group: 8 wks, 6-8 pm, today thru 12/16. For lesbians over 40 who are unemployed, changing careers, newly employed or underemployed. Facilitated by Lloyda French, MS, career counselor. Low-cost, sliding scale. Spons by Options for Women Over 40. Call 431-6405 for info/reg.

"Making Your Life Work," a series of ongoing, free workshops with Bert Herrman, author of *Being; Being Happy; Being Gay*. Tonight's topic: Defining Your Own Relationships. 7-9 pm. Rest Stop Center, 134 Church St, SF. Info: Erik 621-1701. Everyone welcome!

Bi-Friendly SF meets tonight for food, drink & conversation, see 10/7.

Preventive Law Wkshop on Living Trusts. Learn why a Living Trust is better than joint tenancy. Protect your relationships & your assets; avoid probate, taxes, & will contests. Provide for the people of your choice. 7-9 pm, $25. Info/res: Law Office of Linda M Scaparotti 835-0850.

At Gaia Bookstore: Rachel Pollack, one of the world's leading tarot authorities, shares her wealth of knowledge about the tarot's symbolism, mythology & history, drawn from her new book, *Tarot Readings & Meditations*. She also premiers her new deck "Shining Woman" & demonstrates how to create tarot mandalas, including the popular Celtic Cross Spread. Her readings focus on the spiritual & mythic dimensions of the tarot, and its applications for personal problem-solving. 7 pm, $3 or free with the book or Haindl Tarot purchase. 1400 Shattuck Ave at Rose, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-4172.

Humor & Healing program spons by MCC-SF AIDS Response Committee. Features comic Danny Williams. 7:30 pm, don't miss! 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets tonight for food, drink & conversation, see 10/7 listing for details.

Author Judith Freeman (*Chinchilla Farm*) reads from her second novel, *Set for Life*. 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Author Peter Weltner reads from *In A Time of Combat for the Angel*. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Upstart Stage Staged Reading series continues with "Knock" by George Crowe. In a hideaway below a freeway overpass, two older vagrants & a teenage gang grapple with affection, fear & fantasy. At Laval's Subterranean Cabaret, 1834 Euclid, Berkeley.

At Cody's Books: Author RA Sasaki discusses her short story collection, *The Loom & Other Stories*, a record of the lives of Japanese-Americans. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Sexuality & Race: a discussion by sansei poet, critic & essayist David Mura. Mura shows video selections from "Relocations: Images from a Japanese American," and reads from *A Male Grief: Notes on Pornography & Addiction*. Discussion focuses on issues of sexuality & race. Intersection, 446 Valencia St, SF. 8 pm. Info: 626-2787. $4.

Annie Leibovitz, portrait photographer, joins Andy Grundberg for an onstage conversation/interview, part of City Arts & Lectures' "Talking at the Herbst & Beyond" series. 8 pm, $14 & $12. Herbst Theatre, Van Ness & McAllister, SF. Info/res: 392-4400.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret: MC Mark Davis. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

"An Evening with Andrea Marcovicci," program of love songs by this popular singer, to benefit Theatre Rhinoceros. 8 pm at Great American Music Hall. Program features classic standards, contrasted with modern love songs, as well as the SF premiere of "December Songs," a song cycle written exclusively for Marcovicci by Broadway composer Maury Yeston. SF Supervisor Carole Migden serves as Mistress of Ceremonies. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Tix: $20-$100. Limited number of $100 tix include post-performance reception with Marcovicci. Info/res: 861-5079, 885-0750 & 762-BASS.

Bay Area Theatresports (BATS) Night at Asian American Theatre, see 10/14 listing for details.

Monday Night Marsh series features new work 15-20 min in length, by local performance artists. Tonight's program: Peter Struble in Roy Eisenstein's "Bed Rest," Susanne Cockrell in "Rosemary Figg," Ruven Hannah presents "Sex, etc," Ingeborg Weinmann in "Christas." 8:30 pm, $5. 878 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

OCT 22 / TUE

"Judicial Genocide," a lecture/discussion by Patrick Hooty Croy & Bia De Ocampo. Croy is a Shasta/Karuk Indian who was convicted in 1979 of murder, attempted murder, assault & robbery, and sentenced to death; his sister Norma Jean was sentenced to life imprisonment at the same trial. Subsequent appeals led to the reversal of his sentence by the Calif Supreme Court,

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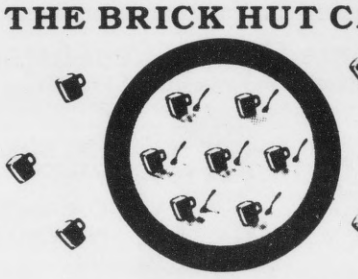

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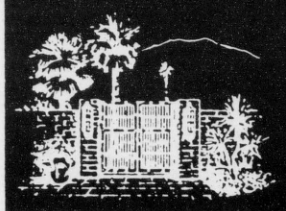

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and he was later found not guilty by reason of self-defense. His sister remains in prison. De Ocampo is a counselor for the Youth Empowerment Program of the Native American Health Clinic. They discuss their personal lives, and the effect of the US educational & judicial system on them, and the current imprisonment of Norma Jean Croy. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Ctr & the Native American Health Alliance (NAHA). Noon-1 pm at Cole Hall, UCSF. Info: 476-0400. Free.

Shanti Board of Directors Monthly Mtg: 6:15 pm at 525 Howard St, SF. Open to the public. Info: Craig Bernard 777-2273.

Man2Man: Being Intimate: Come start linking heart-to-heart with other men. 7-9 pm, free. At Rest Stop Center, 134 Church St, SF. Info: Tommy 239-7839.

"Spirits: Possessing & Non-Possessing," talk by Lee Ard, certified hypnotherapist & member, Association for Past-Life Research & Therapies. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Yes, Virginia, Fat Women Do Have Great Sex: Workshop on the sexuality of women of size, led by Anita Mashman, publisher of InFATuation Press & member of the Mendocino Collection, a group of bountiful women writers specializing in erotica (they've published 3 anthologies of their writings, all available at Good Vibrations). Mashman & fellow Collection members give an evening of erotic readings & frank discussion, exploring the sexuality of fat women & how to cope with a fat-phobic society. 7 pm, $20 (pre-reg required by 10/15). Info: 550-7399. 1210 Valencia St, SF.

The Tao of Whipping: Class with Joseph Bean, part of QSM's series of educational & artistic programs for the s/m community. Learn a series of breathing, posture & movement exercises designed to accentuate the inner aspects of whipping. Class performs the exercises while concentrating on a whipping taking place in front of the class. Pre-req: 10/3 class (see listing) or whipping experience. $15. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome. Info: 550-7776.

"In the Court & in the Streets: Fighting the Supreme Court for Justice," is the topic of tonight's Radical Women mtg. The Supreme Court is chipping away at our civil & reproductive rights, come discuss strategies for keeping what's rightfully ours. Dinner served at 6:45 pm ($5 donation), mtg starts at 7:30. 523A Valencia St, SF. Info: 864-1278.

"How to be Successfully Single Through Hypnosis," talk by Carol Shapiro, MA, part of SF Jewish Community Center's "Tempting Tuesday" singles lecture series. 7:30 pm. Info: 346-6040.

Self-Defense for Women class offered by the Women's Safety Project. 7:30-10:30 pm at the Women's Bldg. Six-week class begins tonight. Info/reg: 864-3495.

Marin Bisexual Support Group spons by Ministry of Light. Meets for 8 sessions (tonight thru February), 7:30-9 pm. Facilitators Kate Brage & Ken Altman. $15 per session. For reservation, location & other info call 457-1115.

Memorial Reading in honor of Leland Hickman. Guest curator Leslie Scalapino, with Nathaniel Mackey, Kathleen Fraser, Barrett Watten, Laura Moriarty, Michael Palmer, and others at Intersection, 446 Valencia St, SF. 8 pm. Info: 626-2787.

Black Tuesday Series at Josie's features new work by Black gay men. Tonight's premiere program: Wayne Corbitt in "Blackbirds Boogie in the Black Moonlight," a brilliant, provocative poetry performance piece on self-discovery and learning to love oneself. 8 pm, $8. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. "Black Tuesday" is held on the 4th Tues of each month, and is organized by Brian Freeman of Pomo Afro Homos. Info/res: 861-7933.

The Marsh Forum series presents a forum on solo performance, moderated by *SF Examiner* theater critic Scott Rosenberg. Panelists include: actor Dennis Dun, director David Ford, BRAVA! For Women in the Arts' Ellen Gavin, the Marsh's Stephanie Weisman, and director/performer Nina Wise. Discussion of the esthetics, realities & possibilities of solo performance. 8 pm, free. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Infor/res: 641-0235.

At Cody's Books: *Washington Post* journalist Thomas Byrne Edsall discusses *Chain Reaction: The Impact of Race, Rights & Taxes* on American politics, which he co-authored with his wife, Mary D Edsall. The book examines the electoral realignment in which Republicans have won the White Hosue 5 out of the last 6 times since 1964, leaving the Democratic party "a toothless defender of the working class & poor." 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Jazz Music! It's a fundraiser for LaRiva for Mayor campaign at the Tropical Haight club. 8-11pm, $10. For complete info call 821-7575 (or if you want to volunteer to help out).

"Broken Word" Literary Series, an evening of text-based performance at Anti-Matter Space for Art, features Alexander Laurence and "Three Way Tie for LAst" with Dan Jenkins, Jeff Conant & Sean Cesement. 8:30 pm, $3. 190 Capp St at 17th, SF. Info: 621-5376.

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Axis Dance Troupe opens Oct 24.

OCT 23 / WED

Empowerment Careers in Latin America. Workshop for persons with cultural sensitivity & commitment to social change. $35. Info: BOSS-America/Servicios Metropolitanos, 626-6706 ext 2.

"Hollywood Gothic" Vampire Video Show at Dark Carnival Bookstore: David Skal, novelist & cinema historian, speaks on vampires as seen by Hollywood & documented in his acclaimed Dracula commentary *Hollywood Gothic*, and presents his illustrative video. 6 pm at 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7757.

Women's Business Network presents "Business Solutions!" program. Come share your challenges & solutions with other women at your stage of business. Discuss conception, start-up, expansion & growth. 6-9 pm at Lake Merritt Boathouse, Oakland. Includes catering, networking, and display table for your business cards & brochures. For info/reg: (510) 271-0165.

Bi-Friendly UC meets tonight for support group/social, see 10/2.

Total Touch Massage, a drop-in group oil massage for men, see 10/9 listing for details.

Gay Men's Massage Class, taught by Michael Page, CMT. Small class teaches men to give soothing, deep & relaxing massage. First class tonight, runs Wed eves at 7 pm thru 11/27. Info/reg: Michael 648-6865.

The Publishing Triangle: A national organization for lesbians & gay men in the book publishing industry, holds its first Northern Calif regional chapter meeting tonight at 7 pm at New College, 766 Valencia St, SF. Room 11. Admission free. For more info/details call Carol Seajay 626-1556 or Richard Labonte 431-0891.

Charlene Spretnak, eco-political thinker & editor/author (*The Politics of Women's Spirituality, Green Politics, the Spiritual Dimension of Green Politics, Lost Goddess of Early Greece*), discusses her new book *States of Grace*, in which she examines the wisdom traditions of Goddesses & Native American Spirituality, Buddhism & the Abrahamic religions. She presents a new model for the great wisdom traditions to address the crises of the modern era, & provides an eco-feminist critique of post-modernism. 7 pm, $3 or free with purchase of the author's book. Gaia Bookstore, 1400 Shattuck Ave & Rose, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-4172.

UCGALA Annual Meeting: Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc annual mtg features guest speaker Chancellor Chang-Lin Tien, followed by a short business mtg. Refreshments served. 7 pm, Alumni House, UC Berkeley.

Kuritsukimi: an annual moon-viewing event spons by the Japanese Cultural Center at Foothill College. 7-9 pm. Program includes moonlight calligraphy, moon viewing meditation, ceremony in the bamboo grove & other cultural demos. Also musical entertainment with Japanese instruments, tea ceremony (by reservation, $5) and a pre-paid reservation for obento, a Japanese meal that will be served around 6:30 pm. All activities free except tea ceremony & obento dinner. Info/reg: 949-7302. Foothill College, 12345 El Monte, Rd, Los Altos Hills.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets 7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

SF Wrestling Club Basic Instruction: Wednesday workouts include safety training & coaching in basic holds. Supportive atmosphere, with training geared to your skill level. Great for beginners & new members! Experienced wrestlers may also use this time for regular workouts. Begins 7:30 pm sharp at 172 Prentiss St, SF. Info: 641-7006.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Author/editor John Preston (*The Big Gay Book, Hometowns*) discusses his work. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0892.

Some Ways to Listen & Respond Intimately: 4th in a series of wkshops on developing intimacy. Brief presentation, followed by small group discussion. 7:30-9:45 pm, $5-10. Spons by Spiritual Partnerships Associates. Info: Keith 252-9084.

Fun to Furious Feminist Film Series opens with an evening on reproductive freedom. See *Who Owns This Body; Access Denied* and *Self-Protection*. These new videos explore rap, menstrual extraction, jazzy activism, teen motherhood, welfare bureaucracy, inaccessibility to abortion, and diverse & angry women's responses to Operation Rescue. 7:30 pm, $3-7 donation. Proceeds benefit Women Against Imperialism's reproductive rights work. La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 995-4735.

Sacred Circle Dance for the lesbian/gay community & friends, see 10/9 listing for details.

Pat Califia, author/columnist, sexual libertarian & lesbian s/m activist, discusses the recent election year attack on sex clubs and the meanings behind the current lapse into unsafe sexual practices. 8 pm, free. Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

At Cody's Books: Laura Davis, co-author of *The Courage to Heal* discusses her newest book, *Allies in Healing: When the Person You Love Was Sexually Abused A a Child*, a practical & compassionate guide for partners of sexual abuse survivors. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

"Multiculturalism: The Politics of Aesthetic Judgment & Cultural Power," a panel discussion led by writer David Mura at Forest Books. Panel features local writers & filmmakers speaking specifically to issues of the "language of race" & marginalization, with a focus on Asian American aesthetics. 8 pm. 3080 16th St, SF $4. Info: 626-2787.

Fun Bondage Play Nite—Bondage buddies. Private play party for gay men into bondage, hard dicks and fun sm. Membership info: 292-3228. 8pm, $10.

"therockshowevents," celebration of creative & conceptual diversity in popular music culture (see 10/12, & 27-28), continues with an evening of work by performers influenced by traditional folk music—Josef Brinckman & the *Conspiracy of Equals, The Bedlam Rovers* & Diana Trimble (formerly of *The Enormous Ensemble*). 8 pm, $5 at Intersection, 446 Valencia St, SF. Proceeds benefit Intersection. Info/res: 626-2787.

New Music at The Marsh: Wednesday night music series showcasing the work of local composers & musicians continues. Tonight's program: *The Paisley Neighbors* with Matt Buckner & Bill McIntrye. 8 pm, $5. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

Global Riot at Josie's Cabaret. Don't miss SF's only gay & lesbian comedy improv group. Directed by Suzy Berger. 8 pm, $8. 3583 18th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Comedy Night at El Rio with Marga Gomez & Carla Karmony. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

OCT 24 / THU

Coffee, Conversation & Canasta Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets today, see 10/3 listing for details.

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Shanti & Open Hand Benefit: The Victor Fischer Gallery spons an evening showing of the works of Josef Staub, John Scott & Glen Watson. A thoroughly enjoyable visual evening. 5-8 pm, $5 donation at door. Proceeds benefit Shanti Project & Project Open Hand Benefit. Info: Marg Tobias 777-2273.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Clinic for people with HIV infection, spons by the AIDS Legal Referral Panel, see 10/17 listing for details.

Rainbow's End lesbian, gay & bisexual youth group meets, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

"Understanding Chronic Fatigue Immune Dysfunction Syndrome," lecture by Marya Grambs & Jan Montgomery, co-directors of the Chronic Fatigue Immune Dysfunction Syndrome Foundation. Part of Planetree Health Resource Center's health lecture series. 7-9 pm, $6. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info/res: 293-3680.

Husbands of Lesbians Support Group: Being the husband of a person who is lesbian comes with its own unique set of experiences, feelings, emotions & questions. Many spouses of lesbian/gay persons feel pushed into a closet of their own, often struggling in silence & isolation. Breaking this silence & gaining support from others in similar circumstances is the focus of this newly-formed support group for husbands of lesbians, Spons by Ministry of Light. Facilitator: Jon Seirup, PhD. Eight-week group (extensions possible) meets 7-8:30 pm starting tonight at 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo. Cost: $15 per session. Info: Ministry of Light 457-1115.

9th Annual SF Jazz Festival opens today & runs thru 11/2 at locations throughout SF. Features programs devoted to a particular theme, drawn from the gamut of jazz and jazz-derivative styles. Festival opens with The Blues Cruise, a dinner & dancing cruise aboard a dining yacht (event also celebrates the 25th anniversary of *SF Bay Guardian*). 7pm boarding. Performers: Johnny Otis, Johnny Johnson, and vocalist Brenda Boykin. Tix at BASS.

"Modern Western Consciousness," 5th lecture in the "A Journey Through the Evolution of Western Consciousness" series with Robert McDermott. 7-9 pm. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Gay Men's Sketch. Tonite's model: posterboy Marcus Allen. See 10/17 for details.

Novels in Progress, Part II—program presented by "Poets present Poets" at Mama Bears. Readers: Karen Kidd,

Robin Song, Harriet Ziskin. 7 pm, $5-8 SL fee. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakland. Reservations suggested, call 428-9684.

Gay and Lesbian Videomakers meeting & open screening for people involved in all aspects of the medium. 7:30-9:30pm in SF. RSVP Nikos 775-6143.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: "After Your Relationship Is Over," Lynette & Cynthia discuss building blocks for healing & moving forward in your life. All women are welcome! Call Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260 for info. Rap followed by coffee at Ramona's, 541 Ramona btwn University & Hamilton, Palo Alto.

Women, Sex & Catholicism: Ute Ranke-Heineman discusses her book *Eunuchs for the Kingdom of God: Women, Sexulity & the Catholic Church,* an extensively researched, iconoclastic work questioning the mores of organized religion. 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

"Pretty, Witty & Gay," with Marga Gomez at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/17.

"therockshowevents," a celebration of the creative & cultural diversity in popular music culture, features a panel on rock & the media. Panelists discuss the various levels thru which rock music & culture are disseminated, from "zines" to MTV, the visual aesthetics of rock media, and the "corporatization" of rock. Panelists: Jon Moritsugu, Danyel Smith, Joe Gore, Frank Kogan, Tamu Du Ewa & Andrew Goodwin. Moderated by Ann Powers. 8 pm, $5 at Southern Exposure, 401 Alabama at 17th St, Info: 863-2141.

'W' Halloween Party for Women: Come trick & treat all night long at 1 Bolivar Drive, Berkeley. Costume contest, prizes. Info: 843-5582.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Author Griel Marcus discusses his new book, *Dead Elvis,* a look at the thriving posthumous career of Elvis Presley. 8 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

New Music Series at New Langton Arts features Junko Ueda & Wil Offermans in a program combining the seemingly-opposite Asian & European musical influences. 8 pm, $6. 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 626-5416.

New Music at The Marsh: Wednesday night series showcasing the work of local composers & musicians continues with *Floorless Jig, The Nixon Bookmobile* with GP Skratz & Bob Davis. 8 pm, $5. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

At Cody's Books: Susan Faludi discusses *Backlash: The Undeclared War Against American Women,* her throught-provoking study about the subtle & not-so-subtle undermining of the progress made by the feminist movement. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Maya Angelou speaks as part of Friends of the SF Public Library's Literary Events series. 8 pm. Tix $14 & $16. Herbst Theatre, Van Ness & McAllister, SF. Info/res: 552-3656.

At Old Wives Tales Bookstore: Carole Shaefer reads from *Other Mother.* Her book, nominated by the American Library Association as the best book for young adults in 1991, tells the story of countless mothers, fathers & their children separated at birth because of the social stigma of unwed pregnancy. A testimony to the bonding power of motherhood & the sorrow of separation, the book presents a vital reponse to anti-abortionists who argue that a woman can easily "give up the baby for adoption." 8 pm, $3-10 SL fee benefits Old Wives Tales. No one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

2nd Annual Women's Work Festival: Spons by 1800 Square Feet. A 3-day (10/24-26) event featuring the work of SF female performance artists. Includes work by Mothertongue Readers Theatre, Kneejerk Dance, Sara Felder, Rachel Kaplan, Ann Rosencranz & others. Don't miss this weekend full of innovative, cutting-edge performance art by women. 8:30 pm at 719 Clementina St, btwn 8th & 9th, Folsom & Howard, SF. $4-8 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 255-8510.

'W' Womyn's Night at Thunderbay. Dj, go-go girls, etc. 1 Bolivar Drive, Berkeley. Info: 843-5582.

Rock at El Rio with *Amina & the Aswan Dancers* plus *The Karmack Players.* 9:30 pm. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

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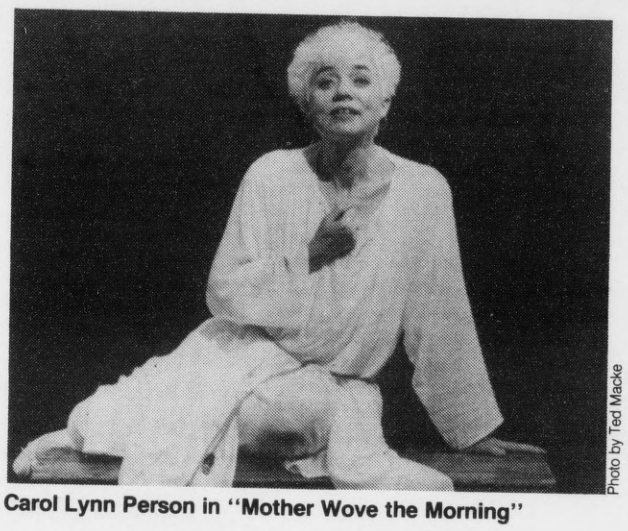

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Carol Lynn Person in "Mother Wove the Morning"

Holding Back the Ocean by Godfrey Hamilton. Play focuses on the relationship between a young American man & a half-Hawaiian, half-Caucasian man who meet & fall in love in SF. A Starving Artists Theatre & Theatre Rhino production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7 pm thru 10/20. Studio Rhino, 2926 16th St, SF. 8:30 pm, $9-10. Info/res: 861-5079.

Belle Reprieve, a Obie Award-winning production devised by the NY-based Split Britches lesbian theater company and the men of London's Bloolip's theater group. Gender-bending musical review, the piece is a non-linear exploration of the themes, characters & attitudes in Tennessee Williams' "A Streetcar Named Desire." Runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm 10/9-27, 3 pm matinee on 10/20. Theatre Rhino production at the Victoria Theater, 2961 16th St, SF. Tix $14-25. Info/res: 861-5079.

La Nona by Argentinian playwright Roberto M Cossa. A hilarious horror-comedy, a wild & wicked political parable written in the Argentinian "Teatro Grottesco" style, the story of a 100-year-old granny whose voracious appetite wreaks havoc on her poor family. Eureka Theatre Co production. Runs thru 10/20, Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7:30 pm. Matinee on 10/13 at 2 pm. Tix $15 matinee, $17 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $20 Fri & Sat. Eureka Theatre, 2730 16th St at Harrison St, SF. Info/res: 558-9898.

That Serious He-Man Ball by Alonzo D Lamont, Jr. Provocative look at the frustrations of contemporary Black men with dreams deferred. Oakland Ensemble Theatre production. Thurs-Sun thru 10/20. Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sat & Sun matinees at 2 pm, Sun eves at 7 pm. Laney College Theatre, 900 Fallon St at 9th, Oakland (Lake Merritt BART Station). Info/res: (510) 763-7774.

Major Barbara by George Bernard Shaw. Shaw's classic play about munitions & munificence opens Berkeley Repertory's 24th season. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, thru 10/24. Sat matinee on 10/12 at 2 pm; Thurs matinee on 10/17 at 2 pm. Tix $23 Tues-Thurs & Sun, $29 Fri & Sat, $21 matinees. 2025 Addison St at Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 845-4700.

Caveat Emptor! Buyer Beware, new play by Antenna Theater. A revealing, at times hilarious look at the role of purveyors of security, from insurance salesmen to world leaders. Thurs-Sun at 8 pm (except Thanksgiving) thru 12/1. Tix $15 for the Halloween Toga Party premiere. $15 Fri & Sat, $10 Thurs & Sun. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St, SF. Info: 621-7797.

The Queen's Garden, a work-in-progress by Brenda Wong Aoki. A dramatic adaptation of four Japanese & Chinese ghost stories in which she portrays a snake woman's relentless passion, a dead wife's revenge, the Monkey King's triumph over death, and the last dance of a ballerina in a Japanese WWII internment camp. Opens 10/16 at 8 pm, runs 10/16-11/3, Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, Sun matinees at 2 pm. Tix $10-14. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Info/res: 626-9196.

Ruddygore, Lamplighters Music Theatre production, a celebration of Halloween with a ghostly favorite. Runs 10/11-13, 18-20, 25-27. 8:30 pm Fri & Sat, 2:30 pm Sun. Tix $21. Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk Blvd at Masonic, SF. Info/res: 752-7755.

Sitting Pretties by Moliere. A commedia farce produced by Magic Lightning Productions at the Broadway North Beach, 391 Broadway at Montgomery, SF. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 & 10 pm, Sun at 3 & 5 pm thru 10/20. Info/res: 526-5375.

Soul Hunt by Cintra Wilson. An original large-scale audience interactive production inspired by the ideas of CJ Jung. Brooke Boynton production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 7 pm 10/23-11/17 at 30 Rose Theatre, 30 Rose St (off Market, btwn Franklin & Gough), SF. Tix: $18 Thurs, $25 Fri & Sat, $20 Sun; $35 opening night benefit. Info/res: 255-9005.

Love Diatribe by Harry Kondoleon. A wickedly funny modern day fairytale about a suburban family visited by an unusual stranger whose powers include the ability to heal thru love. Magic Theatre production. Previews 10/9-12, runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm thru 12/8. Magic Theatre-Southside, Ft Mason Center Bldg D, SF. Tix: $12-21, opening night gala $60. Info/res: 441-8822.

Scar Tissue, a mystery trilogy by the Dell'Arte Players Co. Plays at Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Ctr, SF, 10/30-11/17. For showtimes & other info call the box office: 441-5706.

One Neck by Todd Alcott. At the Sag Harbor home of Wes, Wes' four closest friends discuss art, crime, racism, the homeless, women's issues, paranoia, fear, guns, drugs, cramps & Chinese food. Then Lucien, a stranger & unexpected guest, reveals his secret desires, and the conversation veers to a chilling climax. Previews 10/9-11, runs Thurs-Sun 10/12-11/2, with special actors, benefit performance on 10/28. Tix $10. Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 626-3311.

White Trash written by Nina Wise, in collaboration with David Ford. A tale of fame, garbage & the modern woman, performed by Nina Wise. Professional ambition & ecological concerns collide as Nina receives consumer advice from God, cleans her plate at a star-studded testimonial & communes with coyotes in the Alps. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 10/20 at The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Tix $9 Thurs & Sun, $11 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 641-0235.

The Piano Lesson by August Wilson. Pulitzer Prize-winning play, the 4th in Wilson's cycle examining the AfricanAmerican experience in the 20th century. A family struggles to decide what to do with the upright piano that sits in their parlor. A valuable antique in more ways than one, it is symbolic of three generations of one Black family's history, their story carved into the wood surfaces. How they choose to dispose of it reflects how they choose to deal with their past, and their future. ACT production. Previews 10/8-12, opens 10/12 & runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Wed & Sat at 2 pm, Sun at 3 pm. Tix $10-33, call 433-9500 for info/res. Theatre on the Square, 450 Post St, SF.

White Money by Julie Jensen. A comedy about politics, women, and the American obsssion with TV, it won the Kennedy Center's 1990 New American Plays Award. Actors Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 11/12. Tix $12. Gala opening reception on 10/4 at 8 pm, $30. The Actors Theatre, 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 296-9179.

The Dreamer Examines His Pillow by John Patrick Shanley. A serio-comic look at the love-hate relationship of two streetwise New Yorkers and a burned-out artist. Glass Eye production. Runs Thurs-Sun thru 10/27. 8 pm. Tix: $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Studio 2505, 2505 Mariposa St btwn Bryant & Potrero, SF. Info/res: 621-7933.

The Bear & **The Marriage Proposal**, by Chekhov. Directed in classic, romantic style by visiting Moscow director Sasha Tihiy. North Beach Repertory Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, 10/11-11/10. North Beach Repertory Theatre, The Cannery, 2801 Leavenworth St, SF, 3rd floor. Tix $12. Info/res: 928-4860.

Sometimes We Need More Than Food, a solo evening of theatre directed by Helen Stoltzfus, written & performed by Corey Fischer. Weaves traditional & autobiographical stories into a performance which moves from the remnants of Prague's Jewish quarter to the freeways of LA, while celebrating the healing power of storytelling. A Traveling Jewish Theatre & Julia Morgan Theater production. 10/12 & 13 at 8 pm; 10/13 at 3 pm; 10/17-20 at 8 pm. Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave nr Derby, Berkeley. Tix $15 Sat & Sun eves, $12.50 Thurs eve & Sun matinee. Info/res: (510) 845-8542.

Dirty Laundry solo performance by Teirrah McNair. A sharp, poignant sketch of eight Black women, set to music in a laundromat in East Palo Alto. The central character, Big Mama, is raising a sizable collection of grandchildren & great-grandchildren. A Brava! For Women in the Arts production. Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm, 10/18-11/3. Brava Studio Theatre, 2180 Bryant St at 20th, SF. Tix $12. Info/res: 641-7657.

Pressed, A Celebration of Women with Broads off Broadway, a group of women & men who write & perform new work by, for & about women. Pieces range from short poems & songs to longer monologues & duologues. The work is warm, hopeful, poetic & feminist. Asian American Theatre Co production. Runs Wed-Sun at 8:30 pm, Sun matinees at 3 pm, 10/9-11/3. Tix: $12 Fri & Sat night, $10 weeknights & matinees. Opening night party $15, with after show music provided by *Fast Freddie & the Night Owls* blues band. 403 Arguello St nr Clement, SF. Info/res: 752-2600.

The Stronger by August Strindberg. One-act focuses on the friendship and trials of two women. Glass Unicorn production. Program includes more monologues & theatrical pieces fashioned for women. Fridays, 10/11, 18 & 25. 8 pm at The Coffee Mill, 3363 Grand Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 465-4224 or (510) 644-1780.

Ribs by Colm K Wood. An auditioner and an agent live through the power plays between the supplicant and broker of dreams in a world where morals are cheap and a clairvoyant computer holds the keys to fame & fortune. Theatre Pomegranate production. Fri & Sat 10/25-11/16 at 8 pm. Theatre Pomegranate, 495 Clementina, btwn 5th & 6th Sts, north of Folsom, SF. Info/res: 512-7965.

God's Country by Steven Dietz. A tour-de-force expose of the white supremacist movement. Play follows the story of The Order, a group of radical white supremacists who sought to convert the Pacific northwest to an Aryan nation in the early 1980s. Plays Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm at Zellerbach Playhouse, UC Berkeley. Tix $10, call Cal Performances (510) 642-9988. Runs 10/18-11/17 at Life on the Water Theatre in SF, Wed-Sun at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm. Tix $12-15, call (510) 339-9168 for info/res.

Public Address, written & performed by Charlie Varon. Comedy & satire at The Marsh. Previews 10/24, runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 12/1 (no show on Halloween (10/31) and Thanksgiving (11/28). The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St nr 20th, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

Christopher Columbus: The New World Order, Pt 1, the Inside Story a performance by Bread & Puppet Theater of Glover, Vermont. Over life-size puppets & masks tell the story of Columbus, & the schoolbook version of his "heroic deeds" is juxtaposed against a more critical analysis of the historical facts. Runs Wed, Fri-Sun, 10/30-11/1-3 at 8 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm. Tix $8 Wed & Sun matinee, $12 Sun night, $14 Fri & Sat at Eureka Theatre, 2730 16th St, SF. "Christopher Columbus, Part II" takes place on Halloween nite at 6pm. Life on the Water, Ft Mason Center Bldg B, SF. Info/res: 776-8999.

Mother Wove the Morning one-woman show by author/performer Lynn Pearson. Lynn portrays 16 historical women in search of the Mother Goddess, lost across time as men have appropriated & transformed the Diety into a male figure. Previews 10/23-24, runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm thru 11/23. Zephyr Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Tix $16-19. Info/res: 861-6895.

Fear of Falling, a mystery thriller presented by the Dell'Arte Players Company, featuring Eureka's most famous female detective, Scar Tissue. Features comedy, acrobatics & jazz, focuses on the absurdity of life in the 90s, and the fear of change as our natural resources diminish. 10/30-11/17, Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sat matinees at 2 pm, Sun eves at 7 pm. Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Ctr, Pier 2, SF. Tix $10-15. Info/res: 392-4400.

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On Exhibit at the de Young: "Beyond the Java Sea: The Art of Indonesia's Outer Islands," thru 1/5/92. "The Caroline & H McCoy Jones Collection of Kilims, Pile Rugs, Kuba Embroideries & Pygmy Bark Cloths," thru 11/1. "Lace in the Age of the Machine," thru 2/23/92. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm (open till 8:45 pm first Wed of each month, free admission). Fee: $5 gen'l, $3 srs, $2 youths, kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

Calif Palace of the Legion of Honor: Lincoln Park, off 34th Ave & Clement St, SF. "European Art of the 20th Century," thru 10/13; "Selections from the R. Thornton Wilson Collection at the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art," thru 12/8. Hrs. Wed-Sat 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $5 gen'l, $3 srs, $2 youths, kids under 12 are free. Admission free for everyone first Sat morning of month, 10 am-noon & all day first Wed of month. Info: 750-3614.

Asian Art Museum: "The Playful Heart: Inro & Netsuke," exhibit includes approximately 200 objects selected from the museum's permanent collection of miniature sculptures; runs thru 10/13. "The Sculpture of Indonesia," exhibit features 120 masterpieces of classical Indonesian art, ranging from life-size sculpture to delicate gold jewelry, dating from the 5th thru the 15th century. Thru 1/5/92. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm, and until 8:45 pm every 1st Wed of the month. Admission free on 1st Wed & 1st Sat mornings. Reg admission: $5 gen'l, $3 srs, $2 youth, kids under 12 are free. Info: 751-2500.

Jewish Community Museum: 121 Steuart St, SF. Hrs: Sun & Tues-Fri, 10 am-4 pm, closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

Ansel Adams Center: "Moonrise: Hernandez & Otherwise," exhibit of several original prints by Ansel Adams as well as works by contemporary photographers; thru 11/17. "Bravo 20": A National Park Proposal, Photographs & Installation by Richard Misrach; thru 12/1. "Toward Independence: A Century of Indonesia Photographed," an overview of 19th & 20th century Indonesia thru the eyes of both indigenous & colonial photographers, thru 12/1. 250 Fourth St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

SF Camerawork: "No More Heroes: Unveiling Masculinity," an exhibit of work by over 30 artists focusing on/critiquing the male body & male identity. Photographic works by Chris Acuna-Hansen, Anthony Aziz, John Coplans, Todd Gray, Ron Guzman, Len Follick, Brad Hudson, Doug Ischar, Paul Kubek, Huey Lentz, Alan Labb, Michael Read, Joseph Squier, Andrew Uchin, Christian Walker & William Zeimer. Video works by Skip Arnold, Jordan Biren, Stacey Ann Cohen, Margaret Crane/Jon Winet, Sammy Cucher, John Di Stefano, Barbara Hammer, Katherine Hurbis-Cherrier, Brad Hudson, Aresh Javadi, Paula Levine, Nino Rodriguez, Gabriel Sena & Deke Weaver. Curator Barbara DeGenevieve. 10/18-11/23. Reception 10/18, 6-9 pm, features collaborative performance, "Men Exchanging Fluids," by Men of the World. 70 12th St, SF. Hrs: noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: 621-1001.

Hatley Martin Gallery: Hrs: Tues-Sat, 11 am-5 pm, or by appt. 41 Powell St, SF. Info: 392-1015.

Cartoon Art Museum: "Battle Lines: Cartoon Art During WWII," thru 12/28. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat. Info: 546-9481.

New Langton Arts: "Prima Facie," site-specific installation by Bruce Tomb & John Randolph. 10/22-11/16, artists' reception 10/22, 5-7 pm. In Langton's upstairs gallery. Also "The Machine That Killed Bad People" by Steve Fagin. 10/22-11/16, in Langton's video room. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Robert Dana Gallery: "The Erotic Explorations of Two Hispanic Artists," works by Pedro Jimenez & Patricia Torres," on exhibit thru 10/23. Recent paintings by Sarena Rosenfeld, on exhibit 10/24-11/18. Hrs: 11 am-7 pm Mon & Thurs-Sat, noon-6 pm Sun, and by appt. Info: 749-1849.

Michael Dunev Gallery: "Signs of the Times," recent paintings by Hans Sieverding. Thru 10/12. 77 Geary St, SF. Info: 398-7300.

Circle Gallery: 140 Maiden Lane, Union Square, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm, Sun 12:30-5 pm. Info: 989-2100.

Circle Gallery: Ghirardelli Square, 900 North Point, SF. "From Innocence to Icon: Norma Jean to Marilyn," photos taken by David Conover of 19-year-old Norma Jean Dougherty. On exhibit thru 10/20. Proceeds benefit Variety Club of Northern Calif's Children's Charities. Hrs: Sun-Wed 10:30 am-6 pm, Thurs-Sat, 10 am-8 pm. Info: 776-2370.

The Clay Studio: "Beyond the Armory II," group show by artists at the Clay Studio. Thru 11/3. Hrs: Wed, Fri & Sat 10 am-5 pm or by appt. 52 Julian Ave, SF. Info: 431-6296.

Art Lick Gallery: Works by Jessica Tanzer & JB Higgins. 4147 19th St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-7 pm, Sun noon-6 pm. Info: 621-5131.

ATA Gallery: Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Hrs: Sat 11:30 am-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 824-3890.

Walter/McBean Gallery, SF Art Institute: "Scroll Paintings with Exploded TV," installation by Carolee Schneeman, a series of recently-completed large-scale paintings layered in dust, pigment, ink, glass, ashes & other materials, and videos revealing the process of creating the works. 10/19-11/16, preview & artist's reception 10/19, 5:30-7:30 pm, gallery talk on 11/7 at 6 pm. 800 Chestnut St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm, Thurs until 8 pm. Info: 771-7020.

Galeria Museo, Mission Cultural Center: 2868 Mission St, btwn 24th & 25th, SF. Info: 821-1155.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Perfections in Porcelain," works by Armin Muller, thru 10/27. "The California Duck," exhibit of 60 California duck decoys; thru 10/27. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

Richmond Art Ctr: Hrs: 10 am-4:30 pm 7-9 pm. "Rock in the Media," panel on

"The Blue Bear Dances, the First Rain Comes"—works by Matthew McQueen

Tues-Fri, noon-4:30 pm Sat & Sun. Wheelchair accessible. Civic Ctr Plaza, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

UC Extension Center Galleria: 55 Laguna St, SF. For gallery hours & other info call 861-6833.

University Art Museum: "Frida/Trotsky," photographs by Debra Bloomfield; thru 12/8. Hrs: Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

Erika Meyerovich Gallery: "Keith Haring: Celebrating Humanity," an exhibit of paintings, drawings, graphics & sculpture by the late NY artist Keith Haring, who died of AIDS in 2/90 at age 31. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-6 pm, Sat 10 am-5:30; pm. 231 Grant Ave, SF. Info: 421-9997.

Eye Gallery: "No Surrender: The Protestants," photo exhibit by Ed Kashi sheds new light on the conflict in Northern Ireland by focusing on the Protestant community. Thru 10/19. 1151 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5:30 pm. Info: 431-6911.

Gallery Arcade: 484 9th St nr Broadway, Oakl. Hrs: Mon-Fri 10 am-5:30 pm, Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun noon-4 pm. Info: (510) 271-7909.

New World Gallery: "Mondo" group show of 10 artists; thru 10/12. 4124 18th St (off Castro), SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 1-6 pm. Info: 621-7992.

Nelson Morales Gallery: 140 Geary St, Ste 301, SF. Hrs: Tues, Thurs, Fri, noon-6 pm, Wed 10 am-2 pm. Info: 255-1432.

NIAD Gallery: National Institute of Art & Disabilities presents "Giving Hands: Teacher's Choice," exhibit of the work of the faculty & artists of NIAD. Thru 11/8, Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.

Fobbo Gallery: 3747 23rd St at Chattanooga, SF. Info: 695-0640.

John Pence Gallery: Large-scale works by Daniel Phill, Michael Lynch, Randall Lake, Peter Cox. 750 Post St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri 10 am-6 pm, Sat 10 am-5 pm. Info: 441-1138.

Bomani Gallery: 251 Post St, SF, 6th floor. Hrs: Tues-Fri 11am-6pm, Sat noon-5pm. Info: 298-8677.

Mace Space for Art: Hrs: Tues-Fri, 5-9 pm, Sat 10 am-9 pm. 1319 Pine St, SF. Info: 931-9670.

Vision Gallery: 1155 Mission St btwn 7th & 8th, SF. Info: 621-2107.

Vorpal Gallery: 393 Grove St, SF. Info: 397-9200.

Pro Arts Gallery: Hrs: Wed-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 461 9th St (off Broadway), Oakland. Info: (510) 763-4361.

Southern Exposure Gallery at Project Artaud: "The Rock Show," group exhibit/installation, panel & live satellite events. 10/11-11/9. Reception 10/11, 10/24, 8 pm, $5. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-5 pm. 401 Alabama St at 17th, SF. Info: 863-2141.

Capp Street Project/AVT: "The Airwaves Project," a multi-channel video installation by Shu Lea Cheang. Artists reception 10/14, 5:30-7 pm, exhibit runs thru 11/21. Artist conducts public lecture on 11/21 at 7:30 pm at the Pacific Film Archives, 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley, and on 12/5 at 7 pm at Capp Street Project. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 626-7747. 270 14th St, btwn Mission & South Van Ness, SF.

The Lab Gallery: Exhibit of works by Joyce Burstein, thru 10/19. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm. 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 346-4063.

Koncepts Cultural Gallery: 480 3rd St, Oakland. Info: (510) 763-0682.

Falkirk Galleries: "A Portrait of Marin," 40 portraits of Marin artists by Mill Valley photographer Nancy Kittle; thru 11/16. "Global Strategy," large-scale photos by Boyd Webb & Cay Lang; thru 11/16. 1408 Mission at E St, San Rafael. Info: 485-3328.

KBBK Studios: "Animal Spirits," exhibit of paintings by Matthew McQueen. 10/10-11/3, opening reception 10/13, 2-5 pm. Hrs: Wed & Thurs, 4-7 pm, or by appt. 465 Broderick St, SF. Info: 563-9046.

Turn of the Century Fine Arts: "Fraud & Other Paintings," works by Mark P Fisher; thru 10/12. Hrs: Tues-Thurs 11 am-5 pm; Fri-Sat 11 am-6 pm. Info: 849-0950.

"Athletes: Photographs 1860-1986," works by photographer Nickolas Murray and others, on exhibit thru 10/13 at the Alameda Historical Museum, 2324 Alameda Ave, Alameda. hrs: Wed-Fri 1-4pm, Sat 11am-4pm, Sun 1-4pm. Info: 521-1233.

Unique Gallery: "Braves," exhibit of new work by Wayne Flynn. 10/20-11/5. Hrs: Mon-Sat, 11 am-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 4129 18th St at Castro, SF. Info: 431-2333.

"Works on Fabric," by August Browning II. Thru 11/3, 5-7 pm. Mind Frame Gallery, 6522 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-8226.

Paintings by Karen Coulson on exhibit 10/1-30 at Citadel Gallery, 855 S. 5th St, San Jose. Reception 10/12, 3-7 pm. Info: (408) 289-8559.

"I think I feel something"—gouache paintings by Nancy Keifer, and "Portrait of the Artist taking a Dump"—wood sculpture by S. Dawkins. GRASSHOPPER gallery of comment, comment on the insane by the irresponsible, is opening on Saturday, Oct 19, 2-9pm, 3915 Telegraph Ave, a half block from MacArthur BART. Show runs thru Nov 23.

RESOURCE GUIDE

AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7:30 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Parking & assisted access available. Call 252-9200.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info & message exchange on AIDS treatments, facilities, programs, controversies, major newsletters, articles, news and statistics, with thesaurus, acronym translator & index of many subjects. 8-1-N, 24 hrs. Multi-line, no wait. Free since July '85. Just call 415-626-1246 with your computer.

Benefits Orientation for Persons with AIDS & ARC: SF AIDS Foundation holds 2 wkly orientations for persons with AIDS & ARC on how to access governmental financial assistance programs, & what social services are available in SF. Info: 864-5855, 9am-6 pm, Mon-Fri.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

California Partner Study/UCSF offers support, education, testing, lab work and physical exams for bisexual men and their female partners. All services are free. Eligible couples must have at least one member who is a person with AIDS/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: 845-2331 or (800) 262-2430.

UCSF Coping Project seeks men who are caregivers to their partners who have AIDS to learn about the stress of caregiving, how caregivers cope with these stresses, and how caregiving affects health & psychological well-being. For info on how you can help call Anne Christopher at the UCSF Coping Project 597-9177.

AIDS Care Study/UCSF seeks to interview men & women who are currently caring for a friend, partner, or family member with AIDS or symptomatic HIV infection. The study looks at the difficulties & rewards of caregiving and assesses the availability & use of services for PWAs & caregivers. Participants are interviewed 3 times over a one-year period and are paid $25 per interview. For details call 476-7732 or 476-7733.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. 7 pm at 1855 Folsom St at 15th,, SF. Room 521. For mtg days & other info contact Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 821-8764.

Gay Male Drop-In Group: for alcohol/substance abuse & HIV concerns. Mon 7-8 pm at Operation Concern/Operation Recovery. Intake appt: 626-7000.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services of Black & White Men Together/Men of All Colors Together (BAHSES-BWMT/MACT) deals with issues & problems surrounding AIDS & its impact on the people of color communities. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Support Network: emo-

tional support for persons with AIDS or ARC & their loved ones, outreach & education. Info: 457-AIDS.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Thurs 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181.

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Free Chiropractic Clinic for people with AIDS. Info: 282-4622.

Open Hand delivers hot meals to people with AIDS/ARC. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A doctor's report of a diagnosis of AIDS or ARC is all that is necesssary to receive service. Info: 558-0600.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-REST. All events are free.

Easy Does It Coffeehouse for artists addressing HIV issues. Monthly performance space for poets, songwriters & other performers who are affected or concerned with HIV. Supportive place to try out works in progress, read/perform work by others, or just listen. Hosted by musician Betsy Rose. For date, time & other info call 525-7082 or 621-1701. 134 Church St (across from Safeway), SF. Spons by Shanti & the Calif Arts Council.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

St Dominic's AIDS/ARC/HIV+ Support Group meets alternate Tues eves at 7:30 pm at St Dominic's Parish Priory, 2390 Bush St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: 567-7824.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for peroples with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos House: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Multiple Loss Support Group spons by Kairos House. 6-wk group meets Mon, 7:30-9 pm. For gay men who have experienced multiple losses during the epidemic. Facilitated by Paul Shearer, LCSW. Info/reg: 861-0877.

Day Group for Caregivers spons by Kairos House: Wed, noon-1:30 pm. 8-wk group for professional & non-professional caregivers. Facilitated by Steve Galper, ACSW. Info/res: 861-0877.

Immune Enhancement Program offers low-cost research and treatment programs for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ persons using Chinese herbs in tablet forms. Program is directed by Michael Young and run in cooperation with the Institute for Traditional Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Program includes T-cell assays, monthly acupuncture sessions, herbal consults, and all herbal tablets needed. Low-cost, $190, made possible by grants. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: for info on experimental drug treatment call the hotline: 558-9051 (local), (800) 334-7422 (statewide), (800) 822-7422 out of state. Office: 558-8669. Group publishes newsletter. Archives open to the public by appt.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

HIV Positive Veterans: support group for vets in any stage of HIV infection. Monday eves, free. Vet's Ctr, nr 19th St BART, Oakland. Info: Mike Rankin (510) 273-7331.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. Call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel for an appointment: 291-5454.

AIDS Legal Services for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to

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Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 11 am-4 pm on Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

The Healing Circle: safe, supportive space for anyone on a path of self-healing & love. Large group of about 100 meets Thurs eves, 8-10 pm at 60 Brady St, (one block up from Market/Gough), SF. Use sharing, singing, meditation, visualization, hugging & laughter to create a powerful experience of love & support. Info: Bill 864-6638.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.

HIV Negative Support Groups: testing negative is great, but can present problems of its own. Some become so fearful that they give up all sex; others are others are overwhelmed by the pain of watching their friends & lovers die. Get support to deal with "survivor guilt" and others issues surrounding testing negative. Reply with name, address & phone number to Groups, c/o Pierre, PO Box 0884, SF CA 94143-0884. All replies are confidential.

Soul Ventures: a social/networking service supporting the Bay Area HIV/PWA community. Includes dating service & social events. For free brochure & other info call 543-2520.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP): a grassroots group centered in the lesbian & gay community. Presents art exhibits, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. For info on current activites contact CSAP, Box 42, 2370 Market St, SF 94114.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex (whether you're a beginner or have lots of experience), coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

Lesbians Living with HIV Concerns: Safe place to meet weekly for ongoing support. Drop-in. Facilitated by Susan B. Foster, MA. 5 pm, Saturdays. Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St #201, SF. Info: 565-7667.

African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Mon at 6:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

AIDS-Vision Loss Support Group: ongoing, wkly group open to anyone with AIDS-related sight loss. Focus of group is on how to cope with and adapt to lowered vision while living with HIV. Tues, 1-2:30 pm at Rose Resnick Ctr for the Blind & Visually Impaired, 1299 Bush St at Larkin, SF. Info: 441-1980.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Free Tax Assistance to Persons with AIDS & ARC, offered by SF AIDS Foundation. Trained volunteers from TAX AID program help you with your 1989 federal & state tax returns. To qualify an individual must have earned $16,000 or less, with no more than $2,000 for each family member. For info call 864-5855 and ask for the on-duty social worker.

Therapists Support Group for those whose major focus is AIDS/HIV. Spons by Jewish Family & Children's Services & Shanti Project. For information call Jody Reiss, LCSW at JFCS, 561-1241 or Gail Winston, MFCC at Shanti Project, 777-2273.

KS Support Group meets Sun 4-5:30 pm. Info: 864-0432.

Tai Chi Workout: One hour of slow, simple exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan movements. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Free to HIV+ people. Info: 255-0265.

Immune Disorders Educational Assoc (IDEA(provides info & monthly lectures on protocols for treatment/prevention of HIV & other immune disorders. Call 979-IDEA for info. 3739 Balboa St, #222, SF 94121.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244

Orchid Women's Recovery Ctr: 12-bed, residential, peer-oriented, alcohol program for women, and women with children (ages 2-12). Services include women's issues, family & alumni groups, recovery & re-entry planning, alcohol-related education, follow-up-groups and more. 1342 E 27th St, SF. Info: 535-0611.

GROW (Gay & Recovering Our Worth), a program of Archway/San Mateo: provides drug & alcohol counseling to San Mateo's gay male community. Info: 341-0964.

Mills-Peninsula Hospital Chemical Dependency Ctr, largest drug & alcohol outpatient treatment ctr in the Bay Area, offers specialized lesbian & gay treatment services. 12-week, medically-supervised individual treatment program. Confidential. Two blocks from BART in Daly City. Info: 696-5544.

Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the"Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Self-Help Food Group for Women: More depth than Weight Watchers, more commitment than OA. Support to work your way on your food issues. Not a diet group, not an anti-diet group. Info: 282-2438, 826-9423.

Men's Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Wednesday. For info on OA meetings for gay/lesbians & others call OA Hotline: 776-1457.

Drop-in Group for gay men with substance abuse issues. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Fundamentalists Anonymous support group: explore the experience of having once been a fundamentalist Christian with others who've been there, too. Call 832-2334.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.

Gay Men's Recovery Program incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.

Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.

Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous 12-Step meeting meets every Mon at 6:30 pm, Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St, SF. 1st door on left.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern Caifornia collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. 2940 16th St, SF. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 42126, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

SF Film Society 1992 Golden Gate Awards Competition Call for Entries: Internationally recognized competition, one of the most prestigious of its kind in the US, presents awards in 4 divisions—film, video, television, Bay Area filmmakers, and new visions. Deadline: 12/6. Info: 567-4641 or fax 921-5032.

New Dyke: Call for submissions. Venus Press seeks single-panel cartoons, strips & cartoon stories for "New Dyke," an anthology of cartoons by, for & about lesbians. Fantasy, soap opera, humor, sci fi, feminist satire/politics, explicit sex, stories about growing up, coming out, romance, aging, etc are welcome. Send SASE to Venus Press, 7100 Blvd East, Guttenberg, NJ 07093. Deadline: 12/1.

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Judy Friedman performs Oct 19 at KBBK Studios. Check the calendar for details.

Women with Immune System Disorders, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Lupus, Endomentriosis, Chronic Fatigue, MS, Asthma, Allergies, Environmental Illness: Submissions sought for an anthology about women's experiences living & coping with these illnesses. Send submissions, typed if possible, or write for more information: Canaries in the Mine, 75 Hartford St, SF CA 94114. Send SASE. Submissions by women of color & lesbians are especially welcome. Deadline: 12/1.

Lesbian & Jewish in Israel: submissions sought for anthology. Send to 1678 Shattuck Ave, No. 133, Berkeley 94709.

► FUN & GAMES

Victorian & Edwardian Pacific Heights Walk. Guided walking tour of the eastern Pacific Heights neighborhood. See surviving Victorian & pre-WWI era mansions, elaborate family homes, smaller row houses. 2-hr tour, routes change frequently. Guides stress various aspects of neighborhood. Sun, 12:30 pm. $3 gen'l, $1 srs & kids under 12. Spons by Heritage, the Foundation for SF's Architectural Heritage. Info: 441-3000.

Mah-Jong/Canasta Group. For info send SASE with phone number to PO Box 460534, SF 94146.

Haas-Lilienthal House Tours: noon-3:15 pm Wed, 11 am-4:15 pm Sun. Docent-led tours. The House has stood on Franklin Street since 1886. $4 gen'l, $2 srs & kids 12 & under. Info: 441-3004.

Lesbian Games Group: monthly-ish chem-free games group meets for Pictionary, Perquacky, Outburst, Boggle & more. Info/location: 526-2924.

Making Waves: group meets for a nonstructured, private, large women's swim in the Eastbay. See Sports for details.

► HEALTH

PAP Tests at City Clinic: also diagnosis, treatment & counseling, for vaginitis conditions, enteric diseases. Screening & referral for AIDS. Bilingual (Spanish) staff available. Confidential, low cost services. 356 7th St, SF. Info: 864-8100.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: low-cost, nonprofit clinic. Offers special services for people with HIV, fertility program for women & men who are trying to conceive. Also offers Chinese & American herbal preparations. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 6-8 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 & over, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

► HOBBIES

Women's Reading Group: small, informal group of women who meet bimonthly to discuss books by women authors. Info: Jill 255-7809.

Women's Reading Group for Women Over 40: Meet to read feminist novels, poetry, etc. SF location. Info: Alana 824-6169.

Eastbay Women's Reading Group: Small, informal group meets 3rd Wed of each month. Call 654-7435 for info/location.

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.

Sacred Circle Dance for the lesbian/gay community & friends. Folk dancing with emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. Ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world taught. Beginners welcome! Every 2nd & 4th Wed of the month at SF Dance Theater, 60 Brady, at Market & Gough, SF. 8-10 pm. Info: Laura or Howard 359-0207.

Classical Music Lovers Group: Listen with others to your favorite CDs, tapes or records. Monthly or bi-weekly mtgs with occasional potlucks. Women & men welcome. Info/location: Ed 922-7108.

Beam-In: The Bay Area Gay Trekkies & Science Fiction Group meets on the 4th Fri of each month at 7 pm for potluck & discussions. All Federation members (male/female) are welcome. Call 647-3325 for location/details.

1-1 Massage Group for in-shape 18-45 yr olds. Inexperienced, male or female, OK. For info, send SASE with phone number to George, PO Box 590790, SF CA 94159-0790.

Genealogy Discussion Group meets monthly for exchange of ideas, information & research leads. Group interests vary from the Azores to Mayflower lineage. All are welcome, from beginners to professionals. Mtgs on the 3rd Sat of each month at 1 pm. For info/location: Larry Burnett 647-0637.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

Looking for a Job? The Public Interest Employment Service publishes a twice monthly Public Interest Employment Report which lists paid jobs available in progressive nonprofit organizations. The Employment Service is coordinated by a lesbian, and includes info about jobs at a number of lesbian/gay/bisexual/AIDS/HIV-focused organizations. For more info on the Employment Service or to subscribe to the Report, call 565-4695. Services are free to employers.

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 864-7233.

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

The Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Call (510) 841-6224.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: Larry Brinkin 252-2500.

Emergency Food Box Program provides 3-day supply of nutritionally balanced food to those in emergency situations. Info: 621-7575.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, proper procedures, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a fair housing agency in Alameda, offers services to Alameda residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees (contact the Rental Assistance Program, (510) 836-4826 in northern Alameda county, (510) 581-9380 in southern Alameda county), homeseeking program (call (510) 836-4826 countywide).

Senior Information Line: events & ser-

vices available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Telefaery: Events Line of the Radical Faeries—Call 626-3369 for upcoming events & other info.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available for events, conferences, wkshops, etc. Info: 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors. SFWAR also does advocacy & educational work & holds house meetings where groups of women discuss concerns & fears, & ways to prevent rape. For info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Codependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Incest Survivor Groups: both mixed women's groups & those for lesbians in recovery from drugs or alcohol. Phase 1 & 2 groups. Iris Project, 333 Valencia St, Ste 222, SF. Info: 864-2364.

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, nonjudgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachab, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222. SF residency not required.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have been in a battering relationship, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Info: Rene 863-3315 or Christina 346-0267.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a support group for lesbians who have been emotionally, sexually and/or physically abused by their partners. Free. Call 593-8622 for info.

Battered Lesbians Services offered by Marin Abused Women's Services. Call 924-6616 ask for Holly or Odilia.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Gay/Lesbian Parenting Group, a support group for lesbians and gay men who have children, or who wish to become parents. Newsletter, potluck socials, outings, discussion groups. Info: Malke (510) 562-1574, or write LGPG, PO Box 410221, SF CA 94141.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Parents Park Hop & Doo Wop: social group for mid-Peninsula-SF gay & lesbian parents of the 2 & under crowd. Monthly outings, babysitting exchange, musical adventures, treasure hunts, etc. Info: 598-9265.

Lesbian Parent Group for lesbians whose children are of speaking/school age. Socialize, get support; exchange childcare, parenting ideas. Info: 861-9822.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 251-8766, events hotline (408) 293-4525.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

Childbirth Education for lesbian families. Small group or individual classes available. Info: Suellen Sleamaker, RN, MHS, Lyon-Martin Parenting Project childbirth educator. Info: 826-4489.

Parent Counseling: Free. Informal. Both large & small questions welcome. Instructor/counselor with 20 years experience in parent education & child development. Wed 7:30-9 pm. Castro Valencia Ctr. Info/appt: Jan Baer 267-6500 (days).

Perinatal Project for drug abusing pregnant women & mothers. Get help with crack & cocaine addiction. Women helping women stay sober; spons by the Women's Institute for Mental Health. For info call 864-2364 or drop in at orientation, Mon-Thurs at 3 pm. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Fri at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Thom Bean, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.

United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color, focus group of Queer Nation. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Interracial Relationship Social Mixers/Wkshops: hosted by BWMT/Bay Area. Monthly, 7-10 pm, $5 donation. Facilitated small group discussions, followed by social period. Anyone interested in exploring an interracial relationship is welcome. Info: 641-5706.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 569-3522.

African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.

BAYBLAG (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) meet to network, socialize, do political work, educate, have fun. Info: Midgett 648-3658.

Gay & South Asian? You're not alone! Indian, Pakistani, Bangla Deshi, Sri Lankan, Nepali, Bhutani, Tibetan—men & women—this is our chance to find each other! Trikone, a support group for gay men & lesbians from the Indian subcontinent. Info: PO Box 21354, San Jose, CA 95151. (408) 270-8776.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sat, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: 482-0787.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A grassroots social & community action organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-6 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

Mujero, Bay Area Latina Lesbian Organization, holds gen'l mtgs the 3rd Sat of each month. All Latina lesbians are welcome. Info/location: 648-1291.

Chinese Lesbian Social Group: for info call 826-2455.

Chinese Gay Group meets for monthly potluck and/or varied activities. Also social group for singles. Info: 221-4944.

Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Nancy 864-8812 for more information.

Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Black Men's Support Group open to Black men of all ages. Drop-in, at Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Children of Alcoholics/Addicts Group for children of color, see Addiction Recovery.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.

ALBWN & ALGBN: Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network and Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network. Offers support for women & men of Arab descent and Middle Eastern ancestry. Activities include monthly potluck dinners, discussion of topics of relevance to the lesbian, gay & bisexual Arab community. Three separate mtgs: a women's mtg (Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network), a men's mtg, and a mixed mtg where both men & women gather. For information write ALGBN or ALBWN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114.

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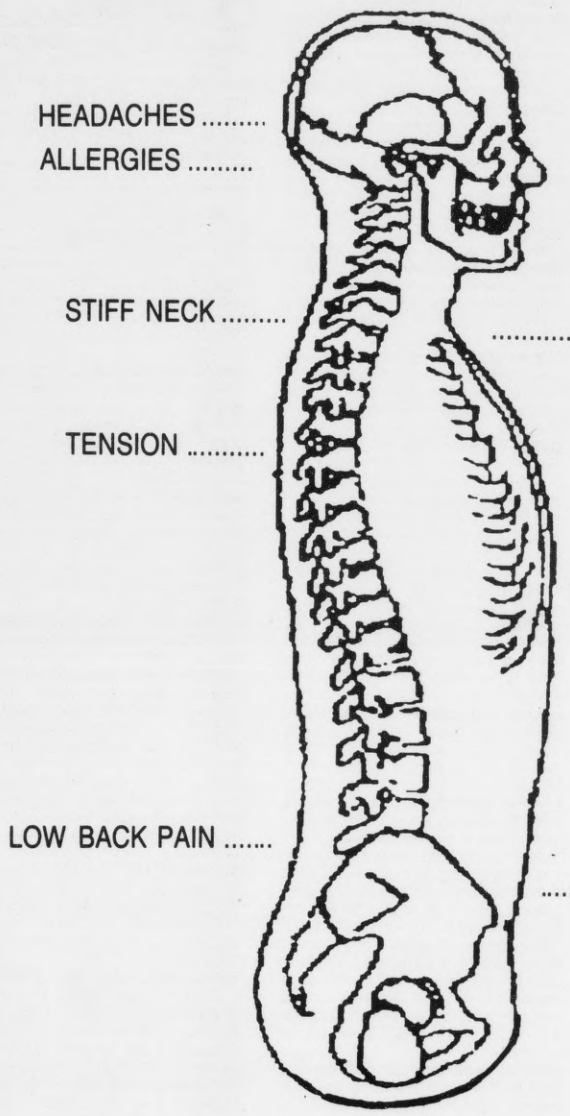

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Support Group for Gay Asian/Pacific Islander Men will be held from Oct 15 to Nov 26 for 8 consecutive Tues at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Those interested asked to attend first organizational mtg on Oct. 15. Group focus: issues surrounding the topic of "relationship." Info: (510) 841-6224 or Michael at (510) 548-6231.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch group meets every 4th Sunday 10am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. For details call 482-0787 or 255-7560.

► PERFORMANCE ARTS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.
Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP), a grassroots group centered in the gay & lesbian community. Presents art exhibitions, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. See AIDS Resources for details.
Community Women's Orchestra: amateur orchestra for women, spons by the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic. Wkly Tues night rehearsals. Orchestra gives 3 concerts each season in Dec, March & June. No audition required, but all musicians must have prior experience playing in an orchestra or other ensemble. String players are always welcome, wind players may join if there's an opening in their section. Conducted by Ann Krinitsky. Info: (510) 428-1350.
Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble welcomes instrumentalists of every type & ability for fun & creative musical experiences. Join a musically versatile group dedicated to the growth of our members & the community we serve. Rehearsals in the Eastbay. Info: (510) 638-7399.
Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. Current groups include City Swing, SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band, SF Flag Corps, SF Tap Troupe, Outlook Video, and The Guild. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.
VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.
Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: Pat Parr 621-3088.
The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.
Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle: Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael (510) 525-6723, Bob (415) 863-8268.
Jazz Matriarchy: Networking organization for women jazz improvisers in the Bay Area. Call 647-9544 for more info.
STBS, a nonprofit tix agency operated by Performing Arts Services, sells full-price tix in adv & half-price tix day of show. Proceeds benefit Bay Area performing arts. Booth at Union Square, 251 Stockton (btwn Post & Geary) and at One Embarcadero Ctr (street level), SF. Info: 433-STBS.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.
Lesbian Visual Artists: A promotional & networking organization for lesbian visual artists. LVA follows an activist agenda, promoting visibility. Produces events, newsletter & exhibitions. For info call 821-2975 or write LVA, 3543 18th St #5, SF 94110.
Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.
Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): non-profit providing legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

► POLITICAL

Queer Nation: Direct action group of queers fighting for our queer rights *now*. Open to all sexual orientations & gender identities. Meets Wed, 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Guerrero, SF. For info on mtgs, emergency activations & future actions call 985-7141.
LABIA (Lesbians & Biwomyn in Action)—focus group of Queer Nation. Lesbian & biwomyn interested in raising consciousness & visibility of lesbian & bisexual issues within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action & education. Multicultural group. Info: 985-7141.
United Colors of Queer Nation: direct action group for queers of color, a focus group of Queer Nation. See People of Color listings for more info.
Queer Nation East Bay works to promote lesbian, gay & bisexual visibility and acceptance throughout the East Bay. For mtg time/location & for upcoming actions, call (510) 464-3072.
Queer Planet: an int'l political group working to promote queer culture worldwide. Come discuss areas of focus, fundraising & structure, as well as exchange views & information. Every 2nd Sun of the month, 4 pm at Cafe Flore, Market & Noe Sts, SF. Info: 985-7141.
The Int'l Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission works to focus world opinion on the oppression of gays & lesbians throughout the world. 540 Castro St, SF 94114. Call 255-8680 for info.
Feminists for Animal Rights welcomes women in working to end all forms of exploitation against animals. For info re newsletter, meetings, events, t-shirt, etc, call (510) 644-1753.
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians & gay men, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call 861-4588, 861-4893 (fax) or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114. Gen'l mtgs are usually held the 3rd Sun of each month, 7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 2nd floor.
BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
Lesbian Agenda for Action: (LAFA) political & social action nonprofit membership organization committed to promoting lesbian visibility. Info: 552-5677.
Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or Ann 665-6746 for info/location.
War Tax Resistors Support Gathering: 2nd Sun of each month. Keep your money from funding oppression & destruction. Call 843-9877 for info. Eastbay & SF locations.
Berkeley Women in Black: We mourn Middle East violence & the Israeli occupation. We want negotiations now for a just & lasting peace. Join us: Vigil every Fri, noon-1 pm, at Telegraph & Haste, in front of Cody's Books. Info: Ruth 644-0480. All women welcome.
Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.
Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group: A national political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals and gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.
Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.
GAYLESTA, organization of gay, lesbian & bisxual psychotherapists. Professional networking, internal & external education, and social events. Info: Don (510) 339-8077.
Therapists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns holds Bay Area lesbian women psychotherapists' potluck on the first Sat of each month, 11-1 pm. Also professional networking, member presentations, socializing. Info: Maris Smith (408) 629-6890.
Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: 861-8718.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.
Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.
Men's Associated Exchange (MAX) is the largest & most active social group for gay men in the Bay Area, sponsoring over 150 events a year, ranging from community service to sports to educational programs. Info: MAX, 564 Mission St #127, SF 94105.
UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.
Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.
BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. F r confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.
Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. Meets Wed eves, UC Berkeley campus. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Betsy (510) 845-7441.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm 1st & 3rd Mon of each month, upstairs at the Bison Brewing Co, 2598 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley, for food, drink & conversation. Bisexuals & all bi-friendly people are welcome. Info: Susan (510) 524-0574.
Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets Mon 7:30 pm. Info/location: Steve (415) 968-5902, Liz (510) 857-1044.
Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.
Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info call (510) 656-1383.
Lesbian Social/Movie Get-Together: monthly event. Casual social & movie-watching. Single, monogamous, coupled, confused, unidentified or whatever—if you're a lesbian 30 or over, you're welcome! Bring goodies to share. For info/location: 531-3943.
Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.
Lake Merritt Neighborhood Potluck for lesbians & gays living in the Lake Merritt, Oakland area. Monthly get-togethers, come meet your neighbors! Info: (510) 832-6510.
Tri-City Area Lesbians: Come meet your neighbors in Fremont, Union City, Newark, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004 and leave your name, phone number & address.
Eastbay Lesbian Couples Social Group: Meet new couples for potlucks, movies, games, walks, or other mutual interests. Info: (510) 486-0615 or (510) 655-8542.
Couples of SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay couples & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call 929-8402 or 626-6561.
Lesbian Lunch Brunch: A clean & sober, nonsmoking social club for single lesbians working in the financial district. Wkly luncheons to connect with other women in recovery. Info: 252-0657.
Latin American Lesbian Social Group meets monthly in Eastbay, see People of Color.
CASA (Community Alternative Social Assoc) for gay Latinos & friends, see People of Color.
Chinese lesbian group meets for outing, potlucks, etc, see People of Color.
Chinese gay group meets for potlucks & other varied activities, see People of Color.
Zebra Brigade Social Group for Black & white lesbian couples meets 3rd Sat of each month, alternating btwn SF & Eastbay locations. Call Anita or Lorrie 641-5980, or Naomi 569-3522.
Soul Ventures social group for the Bay Area HIV+/PWA community, see AIDS Resources for details.
Deutsche Freundschaftkreis hat seine naechste Potluckparty am dritten Freitag dieses Monats. Alle die, die Deutsch sprechen oder einfach Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Auskuenfte bitte Jim unter 347-0533 anrufen.
Russian Group: Ruscophiles with a sincere desire to speak Russian meet for social Russian conversation & potluck on the 2nd Fri of each month, at 8 pm. Call 647-3325 for location & details. All levels are welcome.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.
Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.
Now We've Got The Time: social group for gay men with HIV, see AIDS Resources for info.
Brainy-Artsy Gals: Group for women interested in the arts. Art salons & monthly social gatherings. Info: 824-4401.
Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.
Women, Books & Brunch Group: Meets once a month for brunch—come eat good food, meet new women, discuss books by your favorite women authors. Alternating SF & Eastbay locations. Info: Jennifer 673-6574 or Karen 841-6553.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.
Jewish Lesbians & Bisexuals & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, SF & EB locations. Join us for song, food & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Jewish women of color and Sephardic women especially welcome. Info: 647-7209.
Feminist Women's Circle meets in SF monthly at the full & new moons to explore the many facets of the Goddess. Also networking & classes. Info: Lupa 751-8918.
Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.
Crossroads: Wkly women's ritual & drumming circle with pagan/political focus. Artwork, trance, journeys, singing, music, etc. Previous magical experience preferred. Wed eve mtgs at the Crossroads in Berkeley. Info: (510) 763-5999.
Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.
St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.
Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.
St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.
Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry: Voice & Vision—ministry of advocacy, affirmation & spiritual care. Programs include individual & couples counseling, holy unions, support groups, a ritual group for lesbians, workshops & more. Info: Jeff, Ruth or Phyllis at 553-4026.
Creating Our Sacred Space: monthly spirituality gathering for lesbians exploring feminist spiritual perspectives which honor women's bodies & experiences. Spons by Voice & Vision: Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry. Info: Phyllis or Ruth 553-4026.
Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.
American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.
Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.
Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship with us. Church has a coordinator for lesbian & gay concerns, and is active in peace and justice, environmental, community action and global concerns; and AIDS ministries. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.
Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.
Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.
Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.
New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. SIGN. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.
MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.
Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.
MCC of the Redwoods in Marin. 6 pm Sun worship service. Rev Coni Staff, pastor. 110 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur, CA 94939. Info: 927-2018.
MCC Santa Rosa meets 11 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor JI Torres. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.
Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.
Evangelicals Concerned-SF: Local chapter of a national organization. EC-SF is a Bible/Christ-centered ecumenical (non-denominational) fellowship & prayer support group for lesbians, gays & non-gay Christians. Group believes that sexual orientation is a gift from God, and seeks to support gay & lesbian persons in the integration of their sexuality & their spirituality. Group spons bible study, healing prayer group, annual retreat & monthly social activities. For info write: EC-SF, PO Box 14052, SF 94114-0052.
Showers of Blessing Full Gospel Cathedral: A pentecostal church for gays & lesbians. 2 pm Sun mtgs. For info/location: Bishop Tony R. White 771-5872.
Hosanna Church of Praise, a Christian church w/a special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 am. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N 5th St, downtown San Jose. Info: Rev. F. Randall Hill, (408)293-2437.
Prince of Peace Community Church of San Jose meets 10:30 am at DeFrank Community Ctr, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians. Rev Bob Wheatley, pastor; Rev Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor. Info: (408) 298-3548.
Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.
Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends celebrate & join in wkly fellowship, 5:30 pm Sun at St John's Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Integrity is an inclusive community involved with & in the Episcopal Church, with an outreach to the community thru an active AIDS ministry & special programs oriented toward the spiritual growth of gay/lesbian Christians. Info: 553-5270.
Women-in-Integrity: Women's focus Eucharist with potluck supper & socializing following service. Join us for fellowship, singing & a meal. Third Sun of each month at 5:30 pm, St John's Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Integrity is a lesbian & gay affirming community of Episcopalians & friends. Info: 553-5270.
The Parsonage: is an Episcopal ministry called to advocate justice for lesbian/gay people, and to witness to the Godliness of gay/lesbian love. Central location at 555A Castro St. Mtg space available for rent to 12-Step groups, AIDS support groups, advocacy groups & others. Info: 552-2909.
Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 7 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.
Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.
Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St, SF. Mass: 5 pm Sat, 7 & 10 am Sun, wkdays at 8 am. Info: 863-6259.
GALOC (Gay & Lesbian Outreach Committee) of Most Holy Redeemer Church welcomes lesbians & gay men to MHR parish. Come join us! For info: 863-6259.
Avatar Meher Baba: gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008.
Peace United Church of Christ: friendly, inclusive, liberal Protestant church. Creative, shared leadership. Open to all. Sun 5 pm, 777 Oakland Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 486-0625. Also discussion, movie & service groups.
GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.
The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.
First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.
World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditation is for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.
Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study grou meets every Wed eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes relational (2-person) meditation, reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.
Emergel, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.
Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Delores St, SF. Room 201. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9 am-noon at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 213. Info: 255-8460.
California Miracles Ctr: Well-established course in Miracles ministry in the Upper Market/Castro neighborhood. Sun morning service at 11 am. Principles of Healing Study Group meets every Sun morning at 9:30 am. Classes in ACIM meet at various times throughout the week, with two outreach classes now meeting in Oakland. 2269 Market St, SF. Info: (510) 621-2556.
Gay Clergy Support Group: For gay religious & clergy in the Bay Area. Info: Brother Jonathan 584-1034 8-10 am, or pm.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes in-

terested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 654-9719 for details.
SF Frontrunners is a running club for lesbians & gay men. All levels welcome. Free runs: every Tues at 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg, Market St & Embarcadero, SF, followed by dinner; Sat at 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park, SF, followed by brunch; & every Sun at 9 am at various locations (see Main Calendar), followed by brunch. Come join our walking division at same time & place as Runs. Business mtgs/potlucks 1st Sat of each month (after Run). Info: Marie 921-3697.
Eastbay Frontrunner's Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.
SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 190973, SF 94119-0973 or call 285-1260 eves.
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD 776-8107. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).
Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5 monthly calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.
SAGA North: Gay & Lesbian Alpine Ski Club. Ski trips & social activities. Call 995-2772.
HiMA!: Homosexuals in the Martial Arts: nationwide organization for men & women martial artists. All ranks & styles welcome & encouraged! Info/newsletter: HiMA!, PO Box 590601, SF 94159-0601.
Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists (PAWMA) promotes martial arts trainig for women. Dedicated to improving the physical, mental & spiritual development of women martial artists in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Supports access to schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances, training camps & more. Info: (510) 664-7034 or write: PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley, CA 94701-12861.
Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991 or Gary 558-9195.
SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.
Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.
Sea Snakes: SF's Gay Scuba Club. Monthly mtgs. Dive trips to Monterey, scuba certification classes, social events & exotic dive trips. For info send SASE to Sea Snakes, 291 Geary St, Ste 619A, SF, 94102-1863 or call 431-1340.
Gay Men's Basketball: Sun at 6 pm, 100 Collingwood St, behind Cala Foods, 18th & Collingwood (in the Castro), SF. Info: Tony 621-2710.
SF Tsunami: Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim Team. All ability levels welcome to attend 4 weekly coached workouts. Sun 10-11:45 am at King Pool, 3rd & Carroll, SF. Mon 7:30-9 pm, Wed 6:15-7:30 pm and Thurs 6:15-8 pm at Hamilton Pool, Geary & Steiner, SF. For info call Joe 621-9964.
Berkeley Swim Team: spons swim workouts, competes in lesbian & gay swim meets. East Bay swimmers, novice thru experienced, are welcome to join! Info: Chris (510) 654-9719.
Making Waves: Private, fat women's swim every Sun morning, 11 am-1 pm at Albany High School Pool. Nonstructured. Volleyball, lap swimming, play & conversation. There are height/weight requirements, call Linda (510) 524-6470 for info.
The Banshees Lesbian Soccer Team: the only all-lesbian team in the Golden Gate Women's League. Call 655-1189 or 835-1095 for info.
Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.
Men's Touch Football Group meets Sat mornings at 10 am in Golden Gate Park, SF. All ages & skill levels are welcome! If you played in high school & miss it, or if you never touched a football before but thought it might be fun to "play with the guys," call Peter 252-9053 for details.
Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 255-3162 or 648-3059.
Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Loss, Grief & Recovery support group for individuals grieving a death. Learn about normal grief, coping with feelings, caring for yourself, giving & receiving support, rearranging your life, exploring future options. Spons by Hospice by the Bay. Free. 1550 Sutter St (nr Octavia), SF. Info: 673-2020.
Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.
Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.
North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
Bisexual Men's Support Group: discussion of bisexual men's issues. Not a therapy group. Meets every other Sun 7:30-9:30 pm. Info/location: 626-3910.
Bisexual Women's Support Group meets in SF every other Sun from 7-9 pm. Not a therapy group. Occasional social outings. Info: Jane 387-0109.
Bisexual Women's & Men's Support Group: Drop-in on Sun at 7 pm. Pacific Ctr, Berk. Info: 841-6224.
Marin Bisexual Women's Support Group: meets 2nd & 4th Thurs in San Anselmo. Info: Cindy 456-4192.
Side by Side provides peer support groups for bisexual men & women. Safe, confidential, friendly. 7-7:30 pm social, followed by mtg until 9:30, then short social time. Group discusses any issues brought forth by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome. Sonoma County: Every Thurs night, call Dena (707) 523-2036 or Colin (707) 823-2990. Mendocino County: 2nd Fri of each month in Ukiah, call Colin (707) 823-2990.
Fundamentalists Anonymous mtg: see Addiction Recovery.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.
Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.
Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: 849-4112 or write ETVC, PO Box 6486, SF CA 94101. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!
Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 1827 Haight St #164, SF 94117.
Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.
Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.
Woman to Woman SM: Join the Outcasts, an educational, support & social group for lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women interested in SM with other women. Info/membership: write POB 31266, SF CA 94131-0266.
Lesbians Supporting Lesbian S/M in Sonoma County meets 1st Sun of each month. Call M (707) 525-9811 for more info.
in Sonoma County. Meets 1st Sun of each month. CAll (707) 525-9822 for location.
Leatherdykes Support/Discussion/Social Group meets 2nd Thurs of each month, 2 pm. A group of lesbian-identified lesbians into s/m & leather; positive & responsible about sexuality. Group practices safe & consensual s/m sex. For lesbians only. Info: (510) 654-1591 Eastbay.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.
Lesbian EI Support Group: East Bay Environmental Illness support group. Info: Mickey (510) 843-2649, Naja (510) 548-1549, Randa (415) 648-9481.
Lesbian feminist artist support group for lesbians with chronic illness. Meets once or twice a month in SF/Eastbay for discussion, critique, inspiration & support for doing our art despite the limits of our illness. Access to womyn with EI a priority. Both chairs & bed available at mtg. 20 stairs to mtg place. No SIGN/ASL interpreter. Info: Naja (510) 548-1549 or Mickey (510) 843-2649.
Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.
UC Berkeley Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups
Stanford Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups.
Christian Women's Support Group, see Spirituality.
Gay Clergy Support Group, see Spirituality.
Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.
Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).
Life Direction/Career Change support group for lesbians. Finding meaningful, fulfilling work is a lot easier with the ideas and encouragement of others. Call Loretta 763-0204 for info.
BASIL (Bay Area Sicilian & Italian American Lesbians). Una famiglia de lesbiche addressing cultural & political concerns of Sicilian & Italian American lesbians, gain awareness of our ethnic identity, resist assimilation into Anglo culture. If you need a pasta mix, don't dine alone! Call Rosemary 237-6207 or Janet 654-3531. Newcomers welcome, half-bloods are OK.
Working Class Lesbian discussion, writing, visual arts group. A space for working class lesbians to share experiences of growing up working class, develop strong working class identity, make links between classism and other oppressions. Info: Yvette 584-5979.
MidLife Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm in SF. Low-cost, SL fee. Spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Info: 431-6405.
Small, Etc, a club for men who are ashamed of their size, and other gay men who are "normal", but understanding. Group offers support, connection with others. For newsletter & other info send SASE to Small, Etc, PO Box 294, Bayside NY 11361.
The Caring Coterie: a group for men having environmental sensitivities. Share resources, remedies, & support in a "safe" and accessible Oakland space. Info: Ray 763-0235.
Visualization/Problem Solving Support Group: pool psychic resources to support one another & create change. Info: Margo Adair 861-6838.
Men's Support Group for Foreskin Restoration: meets at 4 pm every 1st Sun of the month. No fees or dues. BUFF and NOCIRC information available. Call Wayne 827-4077 for details.
Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.
For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy", "recovery addiction", "incest/battery therapy" and "discussion/consultation groups".**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.
Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.
Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.
Grief Group for those who have lost a loved one thru suicide. Deal with feelings of anger, confusion, guilt. Find strength, support. Meets wkly for 8 wks, lic therapist facilitates. Spons by SF Suicide Prevention. Info: 752-4866.
Grief & Creativity: 10-wk group for women wishing to explore unresolved grief issues. Spons by Children's Hospital of SF & Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center. For more info call Mar-

YOUTH RAP GROUPS

YOUNG MEN'S GROUP
Friday Nights
MCC Church in the Castro
150 Eureka Street
7 - 9:00 pm

YOUNG WOMEN'S GROUP
Monday Nights
The Women's Building
3543 18th Street
7 - 9:00 pm

Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC) sponsors social/recreational activities for lesbian, gay and bisexual youth 23 and under.

Call **252-6059** for more information about LYRIC.

LYRIC DANCE Saturday, Oct. 19th
at the Women's Building, 3543 18th Street, San Francisco
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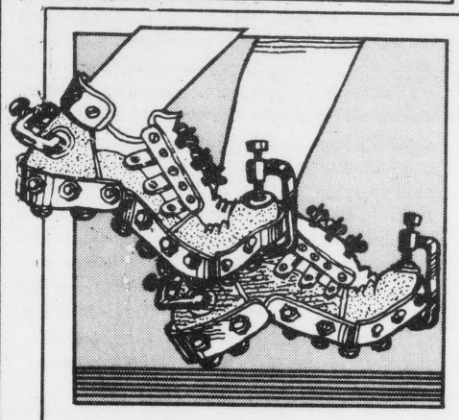

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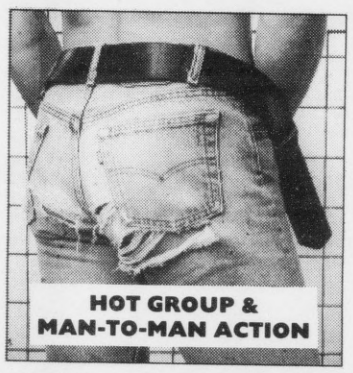
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BEAT THIS
BY DON BAIRD

Real Prince

One perfect scream, delivered with the desperate ferocity of a cat in heat, the rasping wail of Janis Joplin, and every bit of soul that earned James Brown the title of Godfather, serves as the intro to Prince's first single from his new album, *Diamonds and Pearls*. The song is called "Gett Off."

What follows on this CD maxi-single (clocking in at about 45 minutes of music) is undoubtedly my favorite song of the year and by far the most exciting example of pure dance floor perfection I've heard in ages, swollen with a traditional soulfulness that most House music is void of completely, and dripping with the sexuality that Deee-lite completely deee-emphasized in favor of a wacky world love message and new dance attitude. "Gett Off" takes the groove out of the heart and puts it back between everyone's legs, wet and ready for a face to grind against. As it should be. The song essentially stands as a yardstick or point of reference, exemplifying for me the main flaws of current dance music—much of it is emotionally cold, soul-less, and nonsexual. Anyone with electronic equipment, Martha Wash's phone number, and an urban dance squad with lip-sync capabilities can produce a decent dance track, but no one can scream like Prince, and when was the last time you heard a pop lyric using the word "jiz"? Who knows, but it was 11 years ago when you first heard his song "Head," meaning intact, no double-entendre.

Here in the post-"justifymylove," post-*Truth or Dare*, post-*Advocate* interview times when Madonna is taking a well-deserved break from sexual controversy to concentrate on her film career, who could be a better in-your-face-with-sexuality team member to take the smut ball and run with it than Prince? And run he does. Let's pick up again with that first magnificent scream from "Gett Off." It is immediately followed by a long, quavering, goat-like (spelled backward, that's Satanic sacrifice) wail, then Prince says "Fuck me...fuck me," or at least it sounds like he does, and the beat, heat and the lubed-up, piston-like mechanical crunch of the song takes form as just about the steamiest, greasiest, precisely funky sex song ever.

We know Prince, we've seen him like this before. As for songs tailor-made for fucking, he's been giving up at least one per album from the beginning. Let's see, there's "Nikki," "The Beautiful Ones," "It," "Annastesia," "Do Me Baby," "Let's Pretend We're Married," "International Lover," "Under the Cherry Moon," to name a few, all ranging on the sex curve from cheesy traditional Barry White-ish woo woo make-out songs to grease me up and let me fuck something ravers, applicable to real life for a wide range of moods.

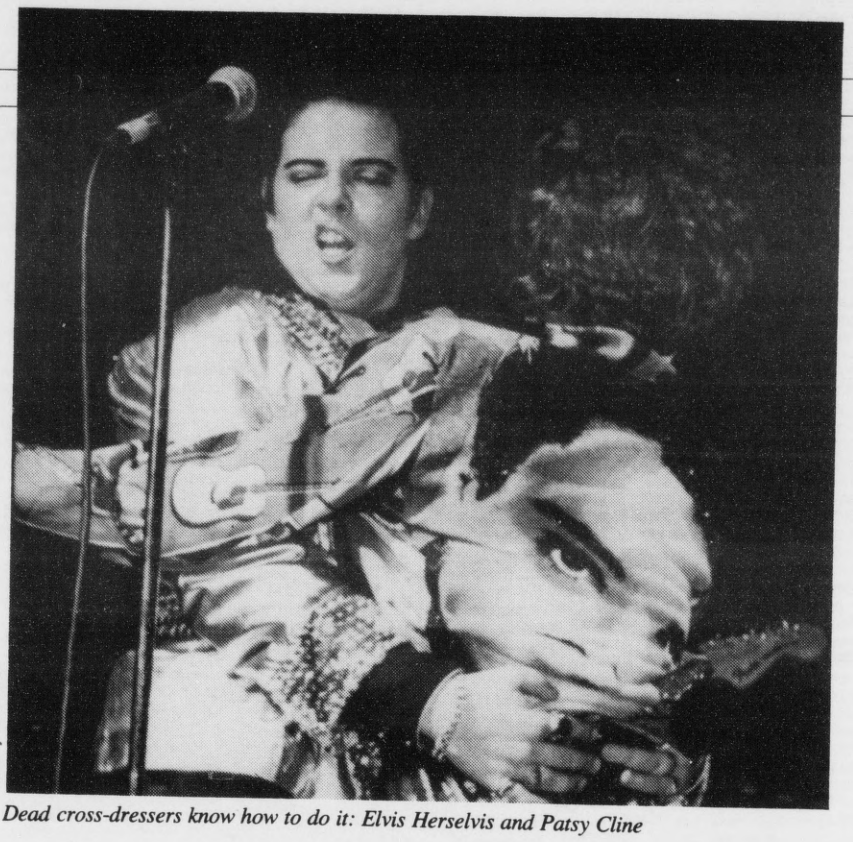
Photo by Marc Geller
Dead cross-dressers know how to do it: Elvis Herselvis and Patsy Cline

But I must say, "Gett Off" is the most universally outreaching invitation to hump I've ever heard. It plays upon a common fear with the line, "But there's a rumor going all 'round that u ain't been gettin' served," followed by a detailed plan for a sexual romp in a variety of places. It reads: "Then we can do it on the kitchen floor/In the bathroom standing on the tub and holding on the rod/In the closet underneath the clothes and oh, my God/In the bedroom on the dresser with your feet in the drawers/In the pantry on the shelf I guarantee you won't be bored/The pool table yeah, move the stix and put the 8-ball/Where it's sure 2 stick." The chanted chorus of "Everybody grab a body, pump it like u want somebody" sounds like a sex club to me.

I wouldn't mind hearing a rendition of this song on the dusty old organ at the Tehama Street Church, but that place might only be a dim Fellini-esque memory, thanks to a campaigning Art Agnos. My fondest memory of the Church is actually a lot like the video to "Gett Off," only darker, and the organ player was doing a rendition of "Cabaret."

In light of the closure of all the sex clubs in the City, I suggest everyone take the example of Prince on this single and get very imaginative about new places to have sex. Have sex in access alley ways between houses in the city. Look for behind-the-building car ports, overgrown shrubs on the corners, picnic tables in people's back yards, roofs, under an overpass, parked cars, vacant lots, etc. But be safe and be aware of the levels of safety in any strange place where you decide to pump. If it works for you, tell your friends.

In time we could organize and take back such old haunts as Buena Vista Park, unless it turns into a giant mud slide due to the removal of the vegetation that made it such a glorious place for nature-lovers as well as cocksuckers.

When will politicians finally figure out that no matter what, people are going to have sex...like pigs, basically, forever. They always have. Perhaps if a bunch of amorous couples paid a late-night visit to Art's front yard with an objective of simply attaining orgasm and leaving. Perhaps around the dinner hour would be better. Perhaps in front of impressionable youth, even.

Oct. 11 is National Coming Out Day, ya know. Maybe outside the school around lunchtime, a cock suck-in. Maybe they should just give us the sex clubs back, and put a steamroom, hot tub and showers in it too. But most importantly, make it a safe space, up to code and all that. Everyone needs a safe place to "Gett Off," even genius mega-superstars like Prince, if you could get him out of the house, although he does make a reference to doing it up against a parking meter in the song. The message is simple, no matter what, just keep getting off. Fight for the right to fuck.

AID DE CAMP

This somewhat quiet benefit for Visual AIDS, an organization that helps artists with AIDS continue their work, had some true first-rate entertainment gracing the stage at D.N.A. First was the try-to-explain-it political performance comedy of Absolut Manpussy in clown-face, then emcee Cliff Hengst did this great physical pantomime of the patrons of just about every bar in the city to a pre-recorded soundtrack, and it was hilarious and frighteningly accurate. Connie Champagne and her band of ace musicians broke that ice that sometimes plagues a benefit crowd, that seriousness and complacency that creates an arc of empty space in front of a stage. People needed to cut loose a bit and Connie whipped that notion up right away.

"It's kind of empty up here by the stage—move closer. I promise, I won't put my crotch in your face or anything." She then let loose with a set that had me spellbound, like she does every time, every fucking time! Connie is an absolutely unique performer, and what she does is so hard to explain sometimes, but it makes me cry, it's so good. There's more performance art in her little finger than in a dozen anybodys who call themselves performance artists. She's brilliant. David Lynch fans take note: Connie Champagne is even weirder than Julee Cruise, swear to god. She'll take you to the heart of a twisted world—nothing ethereal about it, laughing all the way through character after character with a voice pure and strong, emotion and mood ever-changing. Nobody does what she does.

Up next came the ever-so-lovely, svelte as hell Patsy Cline and her Memphis G-spots, who turned out a set we know and love them for, with a little extra fire burning in there somewhere. Patsy was in fine voice, but the big surprise of the evening came when she left stage to slip into "something a little less comfortable" and introduced Elvis Herselvis. Elvis grabbed the mike and whipped into a song, but the big news was, there was no tape rolling. Leigh Crowe, aka Elvis Herselvis, has graduated from Drag King to full-fledged, vocally trainted, engaged to be married to some leggy blond slut, Elvis Impersonator!

Friends and fans stood in awe, warmed by the

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LOUNGING ABOUT

BY VAL C. PHOENIX

Photo by P. Paula P.

Tribe 8

LATTI
Faster Pussycat, Oct. 2

Downtown Donna's women's club has been open for a few months and offers live entertainment, as well as dancing. The host club has seen several incarnations and owners. Best known as Firehouse 7, it now goes by the name of the Clubhouse. Eeh, how's that for chumminess?

On this night, the show started late to allow for a healthy audience to build for Latti, billed as SF's hottest rapper. Accompanied by her male dancer, Jason, and dressed in red overalls, the rapper cut a dashing figure. Nevertheless, the performance lacked a spark between the audience and the performer. To her credit, Latti tried to warm them up with some patter: "We're talkin' about working some pussy." They stood back from the stage, and she asked several times: "Are you with me?" The sound quality varied, and the first couple of numbers were drowned out by the backing beat.

Latti worked the stage, posing and dancing a bit, as she rapped. The raps consisted of lines about relationships and human issues. She was more prone to narrative style than short rhyming lines. One crowd-pleaser was a short rap about the virtues of "juice," ending with, "When I drink juice, it's gotta be fresh." That message, at least, got through to the mostly lesbian crowd. Toward the end of her set, Latti cut loose a bit more, killing time when a technical problem stalled the sound system. She told us "I think I can get a babe off this scene" and pointed out a possibility, much to the crowd's delight. Proof, once again, that sex sells.

disappear fear
Bottom of the Hill, Oct. 2

A return visit by Baltimore's own, disappear fear, provided a chance to check out a new music spot. Doubling as a restaurant, this place now hosts live shows, bringing music to Potrero Hill. It's an upscale place, with Mediterranean decor and a tiny stage. The staid Yuppie crowd listened patiently to the music, between drinks and conversation. Leather jackets and suits mixed comfortably in the low-key atmosphere.

And the band? Well, they've been described as college radio faves, picking up where Indigo Girls and Melissa Etheridge leave off. They did a long set, with one break. Though currently touring as an electric four piece, Sonia and Cindy have also performed as an acoustic duo, and they displayed both identities to good advantage, mixing up material from their recordings *Echo My Call, Box of Heaven* and *Deep Soul Diver*. The upbeat "Sexual Telepathy" was a high point, capturing the fervor of the crowd. The acoustic material is pretty impressive, too, more tender and subtle in nature. Sonia added her harmonica to "16 Roses." The set concluded on an offbeat note when Cindy flubbed an entrance on "Loveliest Part of the Day." Everyone cracked up, and then she left the stage, leaving the rest of the band to finish the song.

SONYA HUNTER
Paradise Lounge, Oct. 4

Another double-your-fun evening, as I caught Sonya Hunter's first set in the Lounge. She has a release on Heyday Records which features an electric backing band. Currently, though, she is performing with a small acoustic combo of drums and string bass accompanying her guitar.

Hunter approaches her material from a solo standpoint and is uneasy about being labeled. She told me, "I don't call myself folk, rock or jazz, though I have folk influences." Maybe some country influence, too, since Hunter grew up in the country—Sebastopol, to be exact. At age 25, she's already been writing for 12 or 13 years and has amassed 30 or 40 songs. One of my favorites is "Foggy Moon," a commentary on modern paranoia. The refrain runs, "Trust is dangerous. You gotta have eyes in the back of your head....You can't let the madness bring you down." Another couplet is, "Well, I don't like guns. My favorite shot is brandy in a coffee cup."

Hunter tosses off lines like that quite easily and often. She casts a jaundiced eye on romance and modern living. One of her live numbers is "Not Just a Job," which decries the idea of spending half one's time "just moving my arms" in drudgery. The form these songs takes varies. Hunter moves from folk to mariachi to country idioms with a sure sense of melody, and as I mentioned, great lyrics. She has an impressive vocal range, wandering from a nasal country inflection to a throaty whisper. All this and a local gal, to boot.

TRIBE 8
Chameleon Club, Oct. 4

Also local gals, but they couldn't be more different. This dyke band, recently featured in *The Advocate*, is now headlining—a signal they're moving up in the world. But the attention hasn't gone to their heads. They're still the same, nasty dyke rockers they've always been.

I finally figured out how to enjoy the Chameleon by sitting on the side so I could see the band and not be thrashed to death. There was surprisingly little slamming going on, perhaps because of the mixed bill. It was next to impossible to discern the vocals through the heavy drum and bass mix, but it was still an enjoyable show. Chalk it up to the punk influence. The band is a five piece, consisting of guitarists Flipper and Leslie, drummer Kat, bassist Mahia, and vocalist and *Advocate* cover girl Lynn Breedlove. Breedlove reminds me a lot of Patti Smith. She snarls and spits out extremely cynical and attitude-laden lyrics. "Lezbophobia"—dedicated to "all the straight girls out there"—screams "You got Lezbo-pho-bia. You got a case of homo-paranoia."

OK, it's not poetry, but it does make for a great contemporary anthem, which lesbians are sorely lacking. One has to wonder about current role models when lesbians are presented with the 15th anniversary of *The Changer and the Changed* as the event of the year. A song like "Lezbophobia" nails the antipathy between straight women and lesbians and also hints at an inkling of the mutual curiosity.

The demo the band has come up with features seven of the songs they perform live. "Manipulation" begins with a hilarious takeoff on cloying sisterhood. The lines "women's (womyn's?) love is so friendly, women's love like herbal tea" resonate. I had to laugh, though I find the current "politically incorrect," anti-feminist backlash alarming. The band needles without slashing, calling them as they see them. They are able to mix up their material as well, changing tempos mid-song and allowing Breedlove to wander off on her vocal journeys. As we pass the second anniversary of the Oct. 6 police riot, we have another anthem "Power Boy," a song condemning police brutality. Breedlove performs it live with a large dildo protruding from her pants. Pressing the point, she finishes with the declaration: "S.S.P.D." and a Gestapo salute.

Correction: In the 9/26 article on RhythmFest, a former member of the production cooperative was mis-identified. She is Susan Fuchs. The SF Bay Times *regrets the error.*

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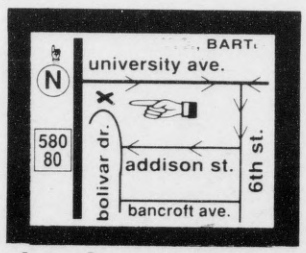

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Salmonberries

REVIEWED BY RANDY TUROFF

Percy Adlon's *Salmonberries*, starring k.d. lang and Rosel Zech, played to sold-out houses at the Mill Valley Film Festival. If it hadn't been for k.d.'s billing, I doubt that the film would have been "one of the most eagerly anticipated film events of the year," as advertised. The audience was packed with lesbians hopefully awaiting the emergence of a feature-length film which would either have a good-size dollop of lesbiana or would at least serve up k.d. lang's music and/or stage persona on a silver platter. It wasn't like that at all.

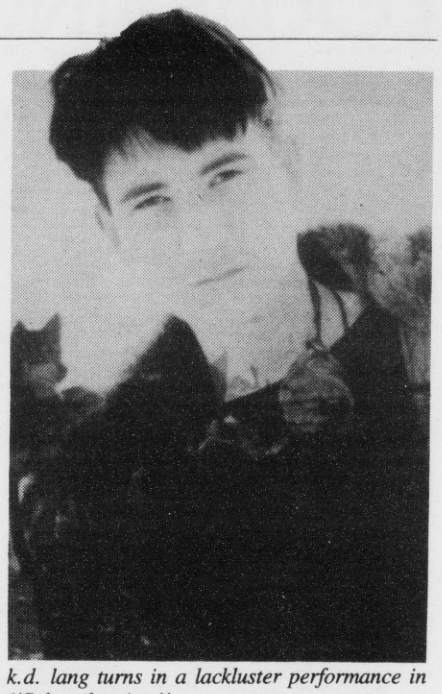
Salmonberries was a major disappointment on many levels. The soundtrack was really stingy. Only one k.d. number came through the speakers. Whatever incredible energy and tough passion she exhibits as a musical superstar was thoroughly muffled, suffocated beneath the role she played as a practically autistic hangdog waif.

As a representation of a lesbian character, lang was embarrassing. She moons over a straight German woman, hounds her and then lets herself be pussy-whipped. The non-sex scene was a tease, as usual, in these made-for-a-broad-audience movies. Any threat a lesbian might pose as a woman of sexual power is wiped out by castrating her. In a more obnoxious film, a man would have been brought in to take care of business. But in this film, k.d. is cast so much as a bottom and she's so impotent that there's no need to worry too much about her getting the girl.

The film was made way up in Alaska by the Arctic Circle. It takes place in a bleak and depressing snowbound town, Kozebue, full of pre-fab shacks where Eskimos and assorted outcasts live and work the mines which are giving them lead poisoning. The last frontier is a last exit to hell. While German filmmaker Percy Adlon was in the midst of filming, the Berlin Wall came down. Through an equally bleak detour, he took the film and cast to Berlin and shot the ugly ice and slush-clogged streets along with the interior of a cheap hotel where the sex scene never happened. The German librarian's secret is revealed about how her brother had betrayed her and her dead husband when they were trying to flee East Germany. Then it's back on Alaskan Airlines to the pit of Kotzebue.

Kotz, k.d.'s character, has an equally dismal story. She had been left as an orphan in the tundra. The Eskimos used to let their extra girls die. Kotz survived, mostly by adopting the attributes of a boy. She also learned to carry a knife and to defend herself by threatening to cut the dicks off any men who came too close.

Salmonberries does have some warmth to it. The women do help each other get through the darker nights. But it's mostly just depressing and slow-moving auteur nihilism.



k.d. lang turns in a lackluster performance in "Salmonberries,"

Barton Fink

REVIEWED BY ELIZABETH PINCUS

Barton Fink is a comedy for self-serious intellectuals. Since I can't completely exclude myself from that category, I admit to enjoying this gloomy little picture. Ethan and Joel Coen, a couple of brainy types themselves, skewer their own ilk in the presentation of hangdog hero Barton Fink. Barton, a brooding, faintly repulsive character given to outbursts of rage, has a killer case of writer's block. (Just like the Coens reportedly had when making their earlier film *Miller's Crossing*.)

There's a lot of action in a movie about a writer who can't write. But here there's constant fidgety motion: peeling wallpaper, flitting mosquitoes, and a whole new set of ticks and twitches from actor John Turturro, who plays Barton with palpable misery. An oppressively claustrophobic film, *Barton Fink* conveys the tyranny of the blank white page with all the horror *and* ridiculous humor that writer's block deserves. If you've got it, it's not funny; but when you step back and think about it, it's hysterical.

The Coen brothers (Joel directs, Ethan produces, they co-write) have already lent their formal, studied style to several genres—crime noir, slapstick and the gangster film. In *Barton Fink*, they attempt a mishmash of modes, and come close to achieving the creepy weirdness of Stanley Kubrick's *The Shining*. They also take a stab at the ironies that emerge when idealistic bourgeois writers embrace radical politics and write about "the plight of the common man." This is the most difficult aspect of *Barton Fink*, and it doesn't quite succeed. Their cynicism at full force, the Coens come off like smartass schoolboys who figured out something we plebes never thought of before.

The Coens are also rather cocksure in their depiction of Jews. The key characters in *Barton Fink* are Jewish, and they fall squarely into two oft-denigrated categories—the New York communist and the Hollywood studio boss. These are not matter-of-fact characterizations, either, but near embodiments of stereotypes. The studio chiefs kvetch and rave, hurling out self-hating and anti-gay epithets, while Barton Fink, the commie, spews hyperbole like an arrogant know-it-all. A lot of ink has already been spilled on this topic. The Coens, who are Jewish, have been dogged with charges of anti-Semitism since they featured Turturro as a simpering, pathetic Jew in *Miller's Crossing*.

The Coens defend their choices by claiming concern for historical accuracy. The movie is set in 1941 Los Angeles; who would you expect to be a studio boss, they argue, a Unitarian? And the film's over-the-top exaggeration is consistent with the Coen aesthetic. In addition, the brothers argue the importance of portraying culturally specific characters rather than cautious, reactive, neutral types. Though all valid points, there's still something unsettling in the cool ridicule that exudes from *Barton Fink*. Especially when the tragicomic villain turns out to be an evil German, "Mad Man" Mundt.

Stylistically, *Barton Fink* is stunningly gorgeous. Mostly shot in interiors, the plot follows Barton from the New York stage, where he's a successful left-wing playwright a la Clifford Odets, to a politically bankrupt Hollywood where he's commissioned to write a B-grade action movie. Barton sequesters himself in a seedy, near-vacant hotel with a cadaverous desk clerk and unending funhouse corridors in ripe reds and golds. The whole place is Deco gone to rot, and *Barton Fink* does a fine job of balancing that sense of

decay with the formal sartorial trappings of an earlier generation. Barton's caught in a heat wave, and so are we, watching.

Other characters who inhabit this disturbing and surreal landscape include the aforementioned studio mogul Jack Lipnick (Michael Lerner), a boozy Faulkner prototype played by John Mahoney, and easygoing insurance salesman Charlie Meadows (John Goodman, in a turn more rich and complicated than it seems). Judy Davis, sporting a grotesque amount of red lipstick that makes her mouth look like a devouring trap, plays a pivotal role as a secretary/ghostwriter. These characters collide in comic and/or enigmatic ways, but the overwhelming mood is one of impending doom.

Barton Fink won this year's top prize at the Cannes Film Festival; it's remarkable enough to understand why. Relentlessly arty and funny in the strangest ways, the movie sweeps you in and keeps your mind pumping. Some of the flourishes fail, as in the train-through-the-tunnel metaphor transformed into a tracking shot from Barton's bed to the depths of his bathroom drain. Also unimpressive—annoying, actually—is the Coens' reliance on a fantasy image of a scantily clad woman on the beach to signify...what? The emptiness of the Southern California dream? Any way you peg it, it's a cliche that doesn't match the audacity of the rest of the picture.

But much of *Barton Fink* is delightfully fresh. From the demonic Underwood typewriter to the mysterious tattered box to the pair of fast-talking, sneering cops, the film sends up (and upstages) all kinds of cinema conventions. Plus, Judy Davis and the Johns, Turturro and Goodman, give maniacal performances. And whatever the Coens are up to thematically with *Barton Fink*, they manage to make comedy/horror thought-provoking in a way that David Lynch only dreams of.

A Place of Rage

REVIEWED BY RANDY TUROFF

Pratibha Parmar, filmmaker and video artist who gave us the documentary *Khush* on South Asian lesbians and gays, has just completed a new film called *A Place of Rage*. This terrific new hour-long documentary on African American feminist activists will have its U.S. opening at the *On Screen* Festival on Oct. 19. The film is lively, well-constructed, finely edited, musically and visually evocative and it's very smart.

The messages, analyses and thoughts of activists Angela Davis and June Jordan are candid and right on target. Nothing they said felt dated or extraneous to the situation that women and other "minorities" find themselves in today. The best thought-out revolutionary politics of the '60s seem particularly pertinent today in light of the freedom movements for lesbian/gay rights and the international struggles of all sorts of people for self-determination. Much of what they said was not only thought-provoking, but it was downright inspirational. They offered us a way of looking toward a future of renewed interest in political activism. In fact, the analysis and celebration of African American women's struggles can point to a macrocosmic way of approaching human rights struggles in general, up and against the dominating mega-corporate grip on everyone's reality.

June Jordan explains that rage has somehow lost its respectability since the '60s. But without turning the rage outward at the enemy who is systematically destroying you, you fall prey to turning it inwardly against yourself. Drugs and suicide are symptomatic of rage turned inward. Jordan reads for an audience from her poetry: "I am the history of the rejection of who I am...my resistance and self-determination may very well cost you your life."

The film follows Jordan walking through the ghetto. She faces the camera and tells us of how when she was a child, a friend of hers was beaten, brutalized and permanently disfigured by police, for no reason. He was a neighbor and a friend and apparently the cops figured him for someone else.

Photo by Sunil Gupta

Angela Davis recounts her experience as the "most wanted woman in America" and offers her analysis about the predicament of being a radical woman of color in "A Place of Rage"

She says: "War is not just meant to be understood. It's meant to be fought and won." She asks, "What would happen if every time they killed a Black man, we would kill a cop?"

As for homophobia, Jordan believes that homophobia parallels racism. The issues are the same, and she thinks they could easily be part of the same agenda. Angela Davis echoes this truth: "We must find the connection between racist violence and anti-gay violence." Alice Walker continues the thread of thought on homophobia, sitting in her country home. She says it was a complete puzzle to her why her lesbian or strong female characters should evoke such anger and backlash from male readers. She says she finds it almost impossible to listen to the radio or watch TV anymore since it's so controlling in the way it glorifies a world full of macho male leaders caught in the corporate grip.

A Place of Rage focuses on the role of women as the foundation of the revolutionary movements, from the beginnings of the Civil Rights Movement when Rosa Parks refused to sit at the back of the bus, to all of the women who were the pillars within the Black Church which radicalized around the issues of busing and voter registration. The film shows vintage footage from the '50s as well as an amazing in-prison interview with the young Angela Davis. We also hear from Davis now about what actually happened around her conspiracy charge, and around her being the most wanted woman in America at the time.

The misogyny rampant in the revolutionary movements was brought up by almost everyone. As June Jordan relates, it was when the Black Panther Movement started having discussion groups over how many steps a woman should walk behind a man, that she high-tailed it out. It was the beginning of the end. Filmmaker Trinh T. Minh-ha says that radical men were always misogynistic in how they viewed revolutionary women as competition. Angela Davis in a recent speech spoke about the predicament involved in being a radical woman of color. She emphasized the need not to appear separatist and divisive, neither toward the feminist community nor toward the overall needs of the people of color communities.

It seems to me that as America falls apart, we need the energy and intelligence of these women and other activists to motivate the many disenfranchised to move this country toward a reversal of its priorities. Outrage needs to be revived and activism needs to be speeded up. Films like this one need to be seen.

Grand Isle

REVIEWED BY RANDY TUROFF

On Screen: Celebrating Women's Work, brought to us by Northern California Women in Film and Television, is having a festival from Oct. 17-20, with shows at the Roxie and at the Mission Cultural Center. A number of national and international feature films, shorts, documentaries and television programs will be screened along with seminars and a presentation of Career Achievement Awards. One of the directors scheduled to receive an award this year is Mary Lambert, who directed the opening night U.S. premiere feature presentation: *Grand Isle*.

Grand Isle stars Kelly McGillis, who also coproduced the film. The supporting cast includes Jon DeVries, Adrian Pasdar, Ellen Burstyn, Julian Sands and Glenne Headly. Considering all the talent, the large budget and the luscious cinematography, one would think this film would be a real treat for the audience. But *Grand Isle* is more grandiose than grand, and its period-piece romanticism reads more like a retrograde Harlequin novel than like a piece of great turn-of-the-century feminist literature. The script is based on Kate Chopin's 1899 novel, *The Awakening*.

The novel was banned from bookstores, probably less for the fact that its heroine refused to fit into the prescribed Victorian roles of wife and mother than for the fact that she felt no remorse in having her flings and in having sex without love. I can understand the shock value in a historical context, but why would this be particularly timely for us now in the last gasp of the sexually played-out 20th century? Who's this movie made for? What's the point of view?

Although *The Awakening* was essentially about the female struggle for sexual and social emancipation, the film was too even-keeled; it just drifted somnambulistically through whatever conflicts there could have been. From the start, the heroine pretty much has her husband under her control. When he becomes annoying she packs him off to New York. She ignores her children, and when they get in the way of her love life, she sends them to stay with their grandmother. She seems to have no discomfort over any of her decisions, and she is immune from guilt. When she wants to have an affair without the family's or the servants' surveillance, she simply moves into a small house of her own without discussion. She is, after all, an artiste.

Although the consequences of social backlash are hinted at, we see no actual retribution, and no one challenges her moves in any consequential

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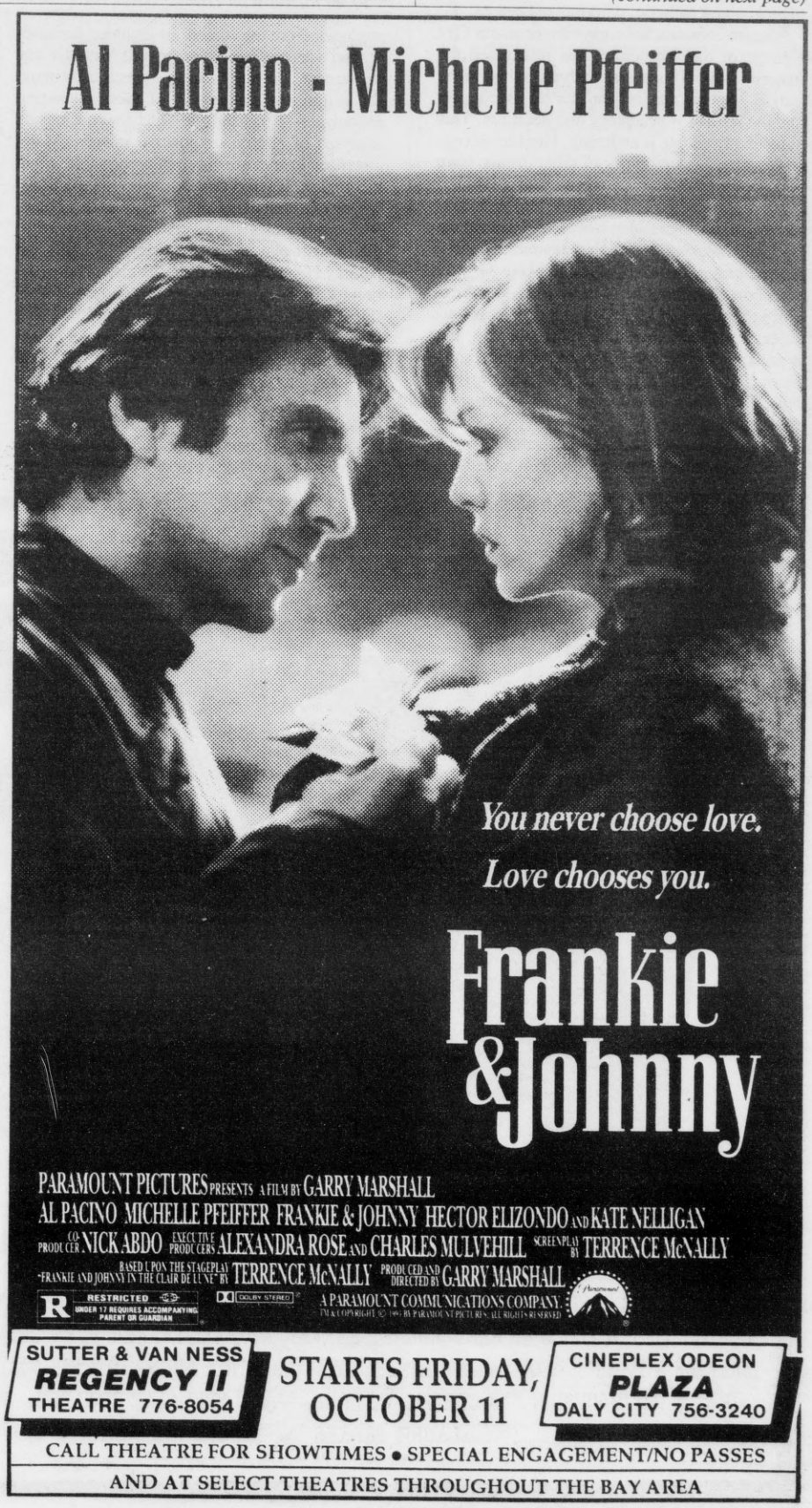
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Psycho Killers and Twisted Sisters

Film Clips & Commentary of Lesbian/Gay Stereotypes in Film

BY BO HUSTON

Who cares what Hollywood says? So mass-market movies depict knife-wielding lesbians (diesel dykes) and demented, suicidal gay men (perverts). Is that such a crucial issue? I remember carrying signs at a mall in Northampton, Mass. to protest *Cruising* in 1979; but I stayed out of this year's *Basic Instinct* fury. I guess priorities change.

The politics of media representation are complex, and the notion of protesting or boycotting films—either during or after production—is controversial. But watching Daniel Mangin's presentation of cinematic stereotypes of lesbians and gay men will convince anyone of the tragic pervasiveness of these negative images. *Psycho Killers and Twisted Sisters* is a relentless parade of sickos and pathetic, demoralized creeps.

Mangin, who teaches a gay film course at City College of San Francisco, has researched the material well. His general analysis is that, in the movies, the gay man is a murderous psychopath and the lesbian is predatory and heartless. This view of gay people is enduring, familiar, acceptable, even as stereotypes of other groups have become laughable.

Mangin's choice of film clips, and their juxtaposition, is clever and informative. Included are some old favorites, and typical representations—*The Killing of Sister George, Looking for Mr. Goodbar, Reflections in a Golden Eye*—which explore the accepted myths of gay people as outsiders, violent, isolated. Illuminating the discussion further are clips from Rossellini's *Open City*; Edward Dymytryk's *Walk on the Wild Side; The Group; The Fox*; and Paul Morrissey's *Heat*, among others.

Mangin has a sophisticated understanding of the ways in which lesbians and gay men have been excluded from the screen, or included derisively, and what that means for the culture and the gay movement. His presentation is specifically about the origin and cultivation of these damaging stereotypes—hence the title—and does not include analyses of neutral or positive images. Many cinematic images are only comprehensible within a complex, layered context.

Lotta Lenya plays your average fascist lesbian in "From Russia With Love"

One clip shown is from *The Children's Hour*, William Wyler's 1962 version of Lillian Hellman's stage play, starring Shirley MacLaine and Audrey Hepburn. This film—its history, production, distribution and the response to it—is worthy of a presentation all its own. *The Children's Hour* is the story of a false accusation aimed at two female schoolteachers by a vicious, petty little girl—that they are lesbians. This "lie" is the focal point of the story, defined by whispering, shocked looks, shame; and, of course, the drama works because the teachers are innocent of the crime. However, the plot takes a twist when the character of Martha (MacLaine) admits that the child's lie has illuminated the truth about herself; she does, in fact, have lesbian feelings, and reveals this to the other teacher, Karen (Hepburn), in a tortured, brilliantly played monologue.

The film was ultimately shocking to the press and public not only because it dealt with lesbianism—after all, Martha hangs herself in the end—but because of one piece of dialogue.

Karen: "This isn't a new sin they say we've done. Other people haven't been destroyed by it."

Martha: "They're people who want it. Who believe in it. Who have chosen it for themselves. That must be very different."

These few lines revealed what was so little revealed in movies of the time—the existence of gay people. Also, however misguided the conclusion about people choosing to be gay, there is a strain of a reference to some gay people out there for whom "it" was different—people who were not "destroyed," tortured or traumatized, suicidal or cruel by virtue of being gay. It would be many, many years before *those* people would be the subject of a Hollywood film.

Obviously, the media representation of lesbians and gays—and of other groups, for that matter—is a fascinating, enormous discussion. What tactics an individual or organization may choose to combat the perpetuation of destructive myths is open to debate. But there is no question that a relationship exists between these unchallenged media images and society's perspective on lesbian and gays. The impact of cinema is incalculable; dissecting and interpreting the messages of the movies is not just an academic exercise, but a vital source for political change.

Mangin's commentary offers a needed and provocative contribution to understanding the social and political dynamics of these issues. Furthermore, these clips offer a chilling, hilarious, astonishing record of what we learned at the movies. And now they wonder why we make such a big stink about another dyke with a butcher knife or another terrified fag with his neurotic poodle.

Psycho Killers and Twisted Sisters will be presented at the Castro Theatre, 429 Castro St., on Oct. 17 at 7:00 and 9:30 pm. For more information, call 621-6120.

Isle...

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way. The story as portrayed in the film exhibits no tensions, no pressing conflicts and nothing particularly adversarial in her situation. Emancipation has to be freedom from something, from some unbearable condition. Without fully stressing the Victorian restraints and without detailing the insurmountable obstacles to freedom, the heroine's emancipation seems gratuitous and narcissistic.

Grand Isle is an overblown cliche of romanticism. The leading man who supposedly "awakens" the heroine's libido isn't strong enough or dashing enough to be convincing. He follows her all around the gulf coast summer resort like a lovesick puppy dog. When he finally throws in the rag, he leaves her the predictable note: "I love you. Goodbye because I love you." If the film really wanted to show us the torments of romantic obsession, it would have to have been more passionate all along.

Grand Isle comes off as a star vehicle for Kelly McGillis. McGillis is no Greta Garbo. There's not enough mystery behind the persona to warrant the unrelenting camera shots of her. It becomes tedious for us to watch her sleeping in bed and/or staring into space. The best footage comes at the end with underwater nude shots of McGillis swimming in the warm green Gulf waters. She's got nice plump breasts and a cozy body. In fact, it's Kelly's tits, the ocean beach, the turn-of-the-century costumes, the Creole plantation houses and Anne Rice's lovely Victorian home used in filming the New Orleans segment which steal the show for visual entertainment. Too bad the content didn't provide a solid enough matrix to hold together the atmospheric camerawork. Whatever depths might have been plumbed in the novel never surfaced in the film, except as wispy suggestions.

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CABARET

BY GENE PRICE

Valerie Litchfield Revisited

After an auspicious debut as a jazz singer little more than a year ago, Valerie Litchfield hit the cabaret trail in earnest. During September, she played 13 dates at eight different clubs. We caught her recently at the Embassy Lounge. She's matured. Vocally, she's more assured and consequently more impressive. No longer the tentative, laid-back, midnight-mood singer, this *new* Litchfield comes out swinging and singing. She's *on*.

Backed by Flip Nunez on piano, Bill Douglass on bass and Colin Baily on drums, she opened with a fine-tuned "Our Love Is Here to Stay," romped through a Latin beat on "When Your Lover Has Gone," and pulled back into a gorgeously languid "You've Changed." She can lavish a single syllable with a variety of colorations.

From Benny Goodman's "Honey, Please Don't Be That Way," she kicked into overdrive on "Route 66." No matter how convoluted her phrasing, she never loses touch with the melody. (Improv scatting is fine, but I like an occasional hint of melodic recognition.)

Nunez contributed some elegant piano to "Summertime," inspiring Litchfield to her most moving—impassioned but controlled—rendition of the evening. She closed her set, or rather blasted off, with Waller's "Honeysuckle Rose." Her ingratiating stage presence suggests that she wants *us* to enjoy what she's doing as much as *she* enjoys doing it. That's a nice attitude.

—Gene Price

Valerie Litchfield

"They Can't Take That Away From Me" brought her sense of humor to the surface. "You're Nothing Without Me," revealed an astute grasp of show biz pizzaz. Another potential chestnut, "Cry Me a River," was salvaged by a fine jazz treatment and the following "I Got It Bad" was even delightfully jazzier. When Baker cuts loose on those jazzy upbeat tempos (as in the earlier "Lovers"), she's terrific.

—Gene Price

Beth Baker Sings For ARIS

Beth Baker has sung at the Opera's Fol de Rol Ball, warbled the national anthem for a Giants' opener and performed in five Peninsula musical comedies in the past year. (Her "Sing for Your Supper" in *The Boys From Syracuse* was a knockout.) Now she has put together (with director Barbara Valente and musical director Frank Shader) a concert of her favorite songs. The occasion: a benefit for ARIS Project (AIDS/HIV Resources for Santa Clara County). The setting: sunset at the Mirassou Champagne Cellars in the hills above Los Gatos.

Though Ms. Baker has a big voice, she knows how and when to spin a feathery phrase. Vocally, she's secure; I could wish, however, that she might bring a more personal understanding to the lyrics of her chosen songs. Her reading of the powerful "Fifty Percent" for instance, was little more than perfunctory. Properly sung, this gut-wrenching torcher should make grown men cry. Baker's version couldn't convince me that she had ever loved and lost.

She opened with a Sondheim medley: the not particularly interesting "Putting It Together," the tenderest of memory songs, "Not a Day Goes By," the raunchily comedic "I Never Do Anything Twice" and that breathy, even-less-interesting "Sooner or Later."

She introduced Peter Allen's "I Could Have Been a Sailor," as her feminist song and then, retreating into a more feminine stance, boogied through Bernstein's "I Can Cook, Too." A Jule Styne pair included the pensive, beautifully interpreted "Who Are You Now?" and in the same mood, "The Music That Makes Me Dance." She scatted through "Mr. Melody" then sang a really first-rate ballad called "Since You Stayed Here" by Peter Larson and Josh Rubins. Perhaps because she hasn't been influenced by a Streisand or a Madonna arrangement on this number, she delivered a most impressive lyric reading.

There were some second-set cabaret chestnuts, namely the sentimental "A Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes," and two "message" numbers, "Wind Beneath My Wings," and "Everything." (Too many "important" ballads are a turnoff.) "Chasing Rainbows" gave her a chance to exercise her fine belt, and a nice vocal spin on toward the end of the tune, gave an opportunity for those who weren't familiar with her work to hear a true Carteresque interpretation of a standard. She explores the outer edges of the song's harmonic structure so vibrantly that she invents an entirely different song. This is her forte and she deserves recognition as a master improvisational technician.

Claiming that the next piece "is something to be heard in an elevator" (I don't know what sort of elevators she rides in), "Moonlight" quickly erupted into a high flying, play-as-fast-as-you-can instrumental solo section, and once again returned to the original mysterious mood. She is notorious for changing tempos numerous times during a number, a device that keeps her fans straining with expectancy.

Carter continued in a duet with the pianist, giving "Imagination" a particularly emotional sting. An up-tempo Latin "Come Join Me in the Sun" was followed by an almost unbearably slow "When It's Sleepy Time Down South." Few singers can do this and keep an audience interested. "Thirty Years" and Lerner's "Why Him?" (both included on her latest album) interacted wonderfully and led into her closing, "What a Little Moonlight Can Do" complete with a section in 5/4. Carter scats in 5/4 as if it were second nature. What a thrill!

—Scott Cady

Betty Carter, The Incomparable

Few vocalists have the ability to remain in the spotlight from decade to decade. Betty Carter, the flawless, daring interpreter of the jazz repertoire, is just that singer, amazing generation after generation with her truly unique, always surprising style that has established her as the vocal counterpart of the late Miles Davis.

Carter boasts of a career that includes work with the incomparable Lionel Hampton Orchestra of the late '40s, and encompasses stints with Charlie Parker, Miles Davis and Max Roach, to mention a few. Born and raised in Detroit, she soon moved to New York City where she performed at all types of venues. "I was paying my dues," she says, and those dues really paid off. Today she is one of the most influential figures in the jazz scene. Her latest "tour" included five nights at Kimball's East, where she played to sold-out audiences. She is the master in an art that she has made her own.

Carter's trio (Cyrus Chestnut on piano, Ariel Roland on bass, and Clarence Penn on drums) is a jazz institution in itself. The energy burst from the dexterous hands of Chestnut, combining the power of Penn and the subtlety of Roland during *C Jam Blues* a fitting introduction to Carter's first number. Approaching every chord change with clear understanding, Carter whirled from high to low, building in complexity only to stop abruptly, leaving listeners on the edge of their seats. After scatting (this *is* the understatement of the year) and contorting herself to produce her trademark sound, she began her introduction of the band, singing drawn-out phrases intertwined with boppish clusters as she told the story of how each musician came to share the stage with her. Slowing down the tempo with the remarkable control she can hold over any group of musicians, Carter sang of her love for music and her need for beauty.

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Pretty, Witty & Gay: Marga Gomez

BY VAL C. PHOENIX

It's sort of a unique style. It's not exactly performance art, it doesn't have the aspirations of performance art. It's just sort of a very personal...wild little romp."

Marga Gomez is sitting in a cafe trying to describe her new show, *Pretty, Witty, and Gay*, which is running at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint Thursdays through Sundays, Oct. 10 to Nov. 3.

Gomez is a fixture on the local comedy scene, performing standup routines, with the occasional rap. One timely snippet from a rap called "Decade of the Dyke" runs "Pete Wilson, stop your homophobic crap/Or would you like a Zsa Zsa slap?"

Recently, though, she's been popping up elsewhere. Her solo theatre piece, *Memory Tricks*, played as part of the Solo Mio festival in September. Over the summer she did standup on VH-1 and was a panelist on a *Home Turf* show on gay youth.

The appearance on *Home Turf* indirectly inspired *Pretty, Witty, and Gay*. She explains, "The loose premise is it takes place on the night before I am to appear on a talk show, and at the same time my girlfriend is in Europe, so it's a combination of the feelings I have, the apprehension of going on this talk show and being revealed...and my bizarre co-dependent behavior when it comes to being in a relationship."

Ah, a true Tale of the City. Gomez is nothing if not ambitious in her choice of roles. "I'm Everylesbian in this show...just a regular person. Suddenly I've gotta be under the glare of the cameras because I'm in a relationship with a woman."

Gomez uses this premise as a jumping-off point for some fantastic situations, with serious overtones. "I re-write the Bible. A lot of bigots justify their homophobia with Biblical references. My theory in the play is that those references were typographical errors, so in the play, with the help of God, I correct the errors in the Bible." In her version, Jesus says "Blessed are the queers, for they shall inherit the Earth."

She adds, "There's a lot about the show that is about San Francisco, the love I have for it and being in the community."

Writing her own pieces gives Gomez the freedom to define herself, and she wouldn't mind doing more theater work. She enjoyed the challenge presented by *Memory Tricks*, particularly "playing different characters and having a script that I didn't have to change. I could just change how I worked with the text. I loved it."

In *Memory Tricks*, Gomez drew on her life growing up with her show business parents. One of her memories was of going into Horn and Hardart's automat and sitting in the section for "unescorted ladies." As she recalled, the place "looked like a women's bar, just with femmes."

Pretty, Witty, and Gay, too, owes something to her parents. "There's a lot of overacting in it. I enjoy overacting. I come from a family of overactors. If you like overacting and you like me, it's a good show to come to."

Dear Master...

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Movie biographies (*A Song to Remember* and the recent *Impromptu*) have led us to believe that a domineering George Sand paraded about in frock coat and top hat to defy convention and assert her feminist stance. Not so, we learn in Dorothy Bryant's carefully researched drama based on the letters of Sand and Gustave Flaubert. After ruining any number of skirts and shoes on the muddy cobblestones of Paris, the recently married Sand discovered that wearing men's trousers stretched her wardrobe budget considerably. She could also roam the street in male attire without fear of being accosted.

Playwright Bryant's beautifully crafted play, *Dear Master*, comes alive in an elegant, wood-paneled drawing room of the Julia Morgan-designed Berkeley City Club where actors Barbara Oliver and Ken Grantham sit at opposite desks and compose their 12-year correspondence. Ringing the room, the audience sits like invited guests while Grantham dons his brocade dressing gown and a taffeta-skirted Oliver strolls in from a garden and sits at her desk. They lift their pens and begin to share the intimate thoughts of two famous (though seldom read today) authors.

While the 20-years-younger but pessimistic and reclusive Flaubert never meets the optimistic, gregarious, loving Sand in the course of this play, their "conversations" are dramatically designed. Sand (the "dear Master") will begin reading aloud as she writes and Flaubert, picking up the letter at his desk will continue reading it. As though they are speaking directly to one another, they parry back and forth, challenge, advise, accuse and finish each other's sentences.

Flaubert: "Writing is like a terrible itch and scratching it is like..."

Sand: "Ecstasy."

Most often at ideological odds, the letters reveal

passionate concerns for their art and for each other. Sand: "I offer consolation. You give them desolation." Flaubert: "You are a woman of oak. I am a man of wax."

Sand, on herself: "I am like a harp. Whatever blows in the wind vibrates through me."

Extraordinarily satisfying on an emotional level, *Dear Master* is directed by Richard Rossi. David Hoffman composed the authors' opposite studies in one imposing room; Anna Oliver designed the costumes; and James LeBrecht put together a fine sound score, mostly of Chopin melodies.

Let Me Sing And I'm Happy

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Twenty years ago three Broadway "babies" (Donna McKechnie, Teri Ralston and Pam Meyers) worked together in *Company*. Now, in their own company called "Older but better" they're headlining an evening of songs by Gershwin, Berlin and Kern. They are backed by two veteran male singers, Harvey Evans and Michael Byers. Notwithstanding their individual and ensemble talents, what they haven't come up with is a concept to contain a helter-skelter potage of 87 songs.

The direction is oversimplified, the musical arrangements are perfunctory and, other than some handsome slides of sheet music covers, the staging is bare-bones predictable. In reality, *Let Me Sing* is a pleasant (but too ambitious) cabaret revue that looks a little lost and sounds a little thin (solo piano) on a main stage.

In lieu of concept, we're given medleys of war, rag, movie, depression, Broadway, and "boy's point of view" songs. With few exceptions the singers aren't allotted sufficient time to build on a song, to make it their own. Herewith, some exceptions:

Teri Ralston's gorgeous voice was set free late in the evening when she sang Gershwin's "My Man's Gone Now." Her reading of Berlin's "You Can Have Him" was witty and incisive. Pam Myers, a superb comedienne with some Mermanesque vocal pipes, was delightful on Gershwin's "Boy Wanted," and poignant on Berlin's "What'll I Do?" Her *Annie Get Your Gun* segment was terrific.

McKechnie's solo dance to "How Long Has This Been Going On?" looked rehearsal-tentative, but she cuts loose later in the Rogers-Astaire segment of the movie medley. Her fresh-faced temperament seemed ill-suited to the classic torch, "Bill." Mostly utilized in ensembles, the two men were particularly effective in two duets, "There's a Boat That's Leavin Soon," and Gershwin's "Nashville Nightingale."

The three women infused "Sisters" with some welcome flair and the whole ensemble strutted through "Puttin' on the Ritz" with imaginary hats and canes.

When audience applause is less than spontaneous, it's time to take another look at the product. Alan Johnson directed, Paul Horner was music arranger and onstage director. Bill Belew's costumes were not always flattering to the "older but better" Broadway babies.

Let Me Sing and I'm Happy plays through Oct. 10 at Marin Theatre Company. Call 388-5200.

In Brief

Hi-Hat Hattie

Unbeknownst to many people, including me, Hattie McDaniel (the first Black actress to win an Academy Award) was a singer prior to her acting career in the movies. Singer/actor Michelle E. Jordan is currently delighting audiences in a musicalized biography of McDaniel, *Hi-Hat Hattie!*, at TheatreWorks' Cubberly Stage II.

The youngest of 13 children and a member of her father's Denver church choir, Hattie was determined to become an actress at a time when she was repeatedly told that Black women couldn't be actresses.

After several years on the Orpheum circuit as the "colored Sophie Tucker," Hattie's big break came with *Show Boat*. She and Paul Robeson were the first African Americans to play leading roles in a multiracial musical on Broadway.

After making the first movie version of *Show Boat*, Hattie remained in Hollywood, playing maids and more maids. Then came *Gone With the Wind*. Dressing down for the audition (after learning that her competition, Louise Beavers, had worn furs), Hattie read for Mammy with an interpretation that was part scolding conscience of, part surrogate mother to, the willful Scarlett. She won the role and she won the Oscar.

Throughout this poignant dramatization of McDaniel's life, Jordan sings 15 numbers, among them the raunchy "Kitchen Man" from the vaudeville circuit; "Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man" and "I Still Suits Me" from *Show Boat*; "St. Louis Blues" and "Birth of the Blues," and a sweetly soaring "Amazing Grace."

Playing McDaniel from the awkward but ebullient teenager to the star that politically correct Black activists turned their backs on, Michelle Jordan lights up the stage.

Hi-Hat Hattie! plays through Oct. 20. Call 323-8311.

—Gene Price

O Pioneers!

Originally developed by the Women's Project and Productions, Darrah Cloud's epic dramatization of Willa Cather's novel received a handsome and loving production under Robert Kelly and Barbara Valente's direction. Kim D. Sherman wrote the incidental music for an immigrant chorus of prairie settlers. The 25-year saga in the life of older sister Alexandra Bergson is a triumph of the spirit over poverty, poor soil, drought and two rebellious, greedy brothers. Never suggesting a self-sacrificing nobility, actor Ingrid Gerstmann simply portrays a woman doing what needs to be done for the good of the family. If her own personal life (a bashful, not-very-successful suitor) doesn't fit into the scheme of things, so be it.

Joe Ragey's set, a far-reaching horizon dominated by a sometimes sunny, sometimes oppressive sky, reflects the family's increasing prosperity as more elegantly gingerbreaded rooflines frame the passing years. Nicholas Smith, the younger, footloose and romantic brother, is particularly moving as an indecisive lover who brings tragedy to the Swedish, German and French farming community.

The large cast also includes fine performances by Alison Gleason, Kurt Meeker, Byron Westlund, Jerry Miller and Robert Parsons. John G. Rathman's lighting moodily evoked time and space. Costumes were by Susan Archibald Grote. Musical direction was by Tom Lindblade.

—Gene Price

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BY GGREG DEBORAH TAYLOR, O.S.

Activism Enema

The riot in San Francisco at the old State Building, as one seasoned community leader put it, acted as an activism enema for the angry queer community, letting the spontaneously collected mob let flow with its outrage.

As I stood bouncing on a downed police barricade watching the enraged ad hoc redecorating committee rearranging the *look* of the entry of the building, I realized that demos and actions must be to homos as monster truck shows and hockey games are to heteros. Go Dykes!

A quarter of a million dollars, the amount of damage done to the building, is no small sum. When examined, however, in terms of PR, the actions of a number of homo anarchist yahoos was a trade-off for *millions* of dollars in publicity, dramatically demonstrating to the nation that we will no longer be passive victims of hatred and bigotry.

Queers are traditionally portrayed as wimps, prey to our oppressors' whims. Recently we have learned to flex our political muscle, forcing politicians and legislators to embrace us, recognizing that we are a huge, active voting block.

The bigots recognize and fear this political might. But they do not yet understand or fear our physically expressed anger. I do not condone physical violence, yet I hear murmurs of rebellion; queens trading recipes for Molotovs, not brownies.

I have only been the victim of violence once. Some yahoo teens in my hometown of Spokane jumped out of their Nova and bashed me for being a sissy, breaking each of my fingers on my right hand, contorting them one at a time; I passed out before they were done, but they still finished.

Since then, in the back of my mind I have dreamed of basher-bashers. Queer ninjas on motorcycles, glowing pink triangles emblazoned on their helmets, who burst forth from the back of a nearby van to avenge the homos, making the world a safer place for queerdom. Scooby Doo meets the Traditional Values Coalition, or the gAy-Team.

I felt empowered by the action at the State Building. I, too, am tired of yelling at empty buildings. I had qualms about what was going on at the demo. When I saw a fax machine fly out of one of the offices and get smashed, I wanted to cry. *Loot, darling, not pillage!* Ah, well. Don't these queers know about recycling?

I had much more of a problem with the unsatisfied anarchists who, as we left the State Building for the Castro, were knocking down newspaper boxes, closely followed by about a dozen homos setting them back up again.

Another point which amused me no end was that the people I saw pounding in the doors with a police barricade battering ram were the same people who have screamed that we create "safe space" in Queer Nation meetings. Love that.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

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If the demonstration at Stanford the next day had turned violent or ugly we would have lost in the public relations war. But that too was extremely successful, playing out nationally in all the major media as an in-his-face embarrassment to Wilson.

DOG WILSON AT CAPITAL

Pete Wilson must never be allowed to forget this mistake, setting a clear example to all liberal bigots and puppets of the right-wing that we will not forget or forgive this.

We need to let all politicians know that if you make such a grievous decision you will never be able to travel without being followed by an angry horde. Pete Wilson will be receiving fewer invitations to speak now, because he is too much of a security risk. Most groups will not be able to afford the amount of security it takes to quell an angry mob. And it should stay that way. Make an example of this candidate so that others who follow will not make a similar mistake.

Friday, Oct. 11 a massive protest will take place in Sacramento on the west steps of the State Capital building, bringing together queers from across the state and across the country to demonstrate our opposition to oppression. This is an opportunity to voice our disgust and anger to the entire nation. Carpools will be gathering at the Safeway on Market at Church at 9 am, arriving in Sacramento in time for the noon convergence.

The community of Los Angeles is sending at least eight bus loads of homos, which does not take into account those driving up from LaLa Land. Thousands of angry queers have been gathering and taking to the streets *every night* in L.A. since the veto. This is unheard of for this city. The action will be phenomenal.

FREEDOM RIDES AGAIN

We are constantly rushing to put out fires, reacting to emergencies caused by our oppressors. We need to start taking the offensive, aggressively fighting for our rights to live and love on our own terms.

The Lavender Tortoise Liberty Tour is a form of pro-active queer rights activism, modeling itself after the Freedom Rides of the 1960s. The Liberty Tour will bring conspicuous queerness across the country to show America that lesbians, bisexuals, gays and transgender people will no longer "walk in shadows."

The journey will cross the continent in April of 1992 from San Francisco to New York City, confronting great symbols of American culture; icons of homophobia, kitsch and national pride. It will visit historical landmarks and roadside attractions, dropping in on homophobic politicians like William Dannemeyer and Jesse Helms. And, by meeting with gay and lesbian groups in cities such as Sante Fe, Memphis and Atlanta, the Liberty Tour will actively promote the exchange of ideas and experience between geographically separated communities.

At a time when the mass media is full of negative stereotypes of queer people and violence against us is on the rise, it is imperative that America should see happy, healthy, vibrant gay men and lesbians living proudly and loving fearlessly. As a traveling celebration of cultural diversity, the Lavender Tortoise Liberty Tour will take queer visibility to new heights.

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same pride Gladys Presley must have felt when little Elvis gave her that first record he ever made. Patsy returned and they did a duet of "Love Me" which was splendid, then the King bid adieu and Patsy commented about how nice it is when the dead meet. It was a great night. I just bet that Elvis Herselvis might just borrow those G-spots as soon as the Queen of Country/Western high-tails it back to Japan. I'd love that. This night settled something that I've speculated on in my last column, and that is, Elvis Herselvis definitely has the biggest dick in town.

THE SICK AND TWISTED PLAYERS

Halloween: starring Daniel Boone at Klubstitute. At long last, the group that brought you the in-club productions of the movie *Carrie*, a trash performance legend, *Friday the 13th with The Brady Bunch* and *The Fog with Gilligan's Island*, are back for a one-night-only performance of the film *Halloween with Daniel Boone*. The production boasts an all-star cast featuring Miss X, Timmy Spence, Omewenne, Dawn of Aquarius, Leigh Crowe, Tony Vaguely, Michael Page, Zeon, Deena Fruitfly and a host of fresh new faces including a new member who only takes on a role if it's an animal role. Debuting as Lester The Dog is Rim Tin Tin. There will be Sick and Twisted special effects and it will be presented in S&T 3000 Dolby sound at the super cool Klubstitute on Oct. 19. Be there early to get a good seat and listen to that wonderful rock music you never hear in clubs because I'll be DJ-ing before and after the show. Be there or you'll be sorry.

VEGAS IN SPACE

Speaking of sorry, if you're not rushing out to try to get tickets by the time you read this, you might miss the Gala Premiere of the Doris Fish/Phillip R. Ford film *Vegas In Space*. I saw the film at a press screening and it is every bit the Glamarama fantasy we've heard it was for eight years. I left the theater feeling the same way I did after *Star Wars*, only prettier. Pure movie magic, the "look good" movie of the year. It's like Pee Wee's Playhouse with *more* makeup. Special effects? Incredible! It's a day-glo fun-fur planet of intrigue and inner stellar over-drag. An achievement in modern filmmaking. This movie waves goodbye saying, "See you at the Oscars." If you miss the premiere, look for an extended run near you, and do show up at the cast party afterward at 650 Howard to see everyone cool on the planet perform. That's Oct. 11.

Barry, Barry...

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though, when I know that part of myself wants to be enjoyed, admired, laughed *with*, looked up to. It's like I write for the part of myself that wants to look up to *me*.

But you're also a public person. You let people know about who you *are. I wonder how that feels.*

Obviously, I have my picture in the paper. People know me through my writing. So when they meet me they're trying to test who I am in person with what they've read in the paper. Sometimes it's really uncomfortable, and sometimes it's really fun. I do feel a little weird in social situations when I know people know more about me than I know about them.

Why do you think you do it?

Part of me wants to be famous to compensate for things about myself that I wish were different. If I pour my heart and soul and mind into writing, and perfect it in a way that I could never achieve in person, then hopefully people will like me.

When I look in the mirror, I don't want to be judged by what's staring back at me. I would rather be judged by my words. It's easier for me to be more clever and amusing in print than in person. Being interviewed is a perfect example. I'm sure I'll look at whatever this interview turns into and wish I'd rewritten it.

Of *course* it's my dream that there's someone out there who's, like, "Barry Walters: He's so witty, so funny, he's such a nice person—I'd *love* to be his boyfriend." I *know* I'll find my ideal love *someday*, and since I'm more happy about my writing than anything else about me, it makes sense I'd have this illogical hope that I'd win a boyfriend with my writing.

So let's give you some help. What kind of men are you into?

(Screams.) *AAAAAAIIIIIIUUUUU!* (Whispers.) Nice ones.

I feel like being in therapy has allowed me to feel more like the ideal self I have constructed—or distilled, maybe—as a writer. I now am not so ashamed of me, the person. I feel like me the person is much more like me the writer. It's almost like I've learned how to be my idealized self.

Of *course* I'd love to find a boyfriend through my writing. But I don't feel as much like that's the only way I'm able to do that.

Do you have a grand agenda as a journalist?

Sort of. I feel like my writing includes a purpose larger than myself, and larger than wanting to be famous: to let the world out there know you can be gay and still make it.

I want to make my success mean something in the same way that a Black entertainer might want to make his success mean something—to open some doors, open some minds. And to show people who are reading it that you can do it, too. And not just if you're gay. If you have something about yourself that you know in your heart is not something to be ashamed of, then you can be honest with yourself and honest with the world and still realize your dreams.

Resource:

tha Russell, LCSW, 750-6160; or Diane Spaugh, MSW, 923-3515.

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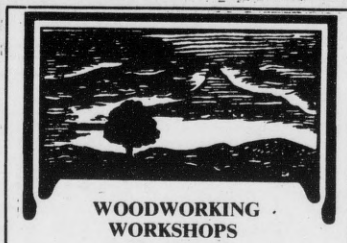

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WOMEN

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Hugging and Kissing
is what we've been missing! Too many hours at work; too few at home. Let's be the reason to stay home. We enjoy: cuddling by the fire, playing scrabble on rainy days, listening to KBLX and reading the Sunday NY Times book review to each other. I am pushing 40, attractive, affectionate, tall (over 5'9"), and seeking the same between 39-45. Write or call and give me a reason to say yes! Reply BT Box OC1A or call ★★3780.

Hello Out There
Oakland lesbian, 32, loves the outdoors, hiking, camping, horses, dancing, movies, and sports. I'm prof., athletic, nonsmoking, outgoing, and fun. Looking for someone who's not afraid to open up and share her dreams. I miss having someone to share my time and dreams with. Risk a phone call—let's talk. Reply BT Box OC2A or call ★★3781.

Not Cheap, Not Easy, But Worth It
Shy (well, chicken really) fat girl 30/70 on the JL do you/do me scale seeks shy 70/30 fat (or otherwise) girl to complement. You may have to make the first move, but I'm fun once I get started. If this sounds like work, I'm not looking for you. But if you like to court and be romantic, I'll respond in kind. Let's see how creative we can get trying to please each other. We won't know 'til we try. I don't smoke, drink or use drugs and prefer that you don't. Reply BT Box OC3A or call ★★3782.

Last Chance Girls
Wanted: One woman to forgive imperfections. Handsome, feminine butch of color, blue eyes, 5'4" seeks beautiful ultra feminine woman of color 5'6" or under, 150 lbs or less for monogamous romantic relationship. My interests are everything from A to Z. You should love children, puppies, kittens, and have an interest in owning a restaurant/bar. Passion a must. Reply Box 3401, Oakland 94609 or call ★★3783.

Looking for Someone Special
If you like and/or are interested in camping, hiking, rafting, computer games, coffee houses, watching women, book stores, walks in the park or on the beach, travelling, sightseeing, etc. If you are mellow, down to earth, caring, open-minded, and know yourself well, you might be what I'm looking for. I am 24, black, with all the above qualities and more. If you write, please enclose a phone number. If you call, speak clearly and tell me about yourself. Reply BT Box OC4A or call ★★3784.

Sonoma County
Seeking 40ish gal to explore life, love and midlife. Please be short on pretense, make-up, roles, and addictions; long on authenticity, intention, willingness, accessibility, humor, compassion and conversation. I try to be likewise, and I'm delightfully non-descript. Also seeking women entering midlife for therapeutic support group. Call or write to hear more of my story (and vice-versa). Reply BT Box OC5A or call ★★3785.

Well-Versed
After some practice, I know what I want in a girlfriend: intelligence, independence, caring, attractiveness (inside and out), lack of pretense and good values. I'm a 27 yr old, attractive, bright and funny professional who enjoys sports, travel, movies and time with friends and family. Not looking for instant marriage; let's date and get to know each other before getting serious. If this sounds like you, let's talk. Reply BT Box OC6A or call ★★3786.

Louise Seeks Thelma
Fun-loving and spontaneous C/W dancer, camper, nature lover, looking for energetic, creative, curious gal for walks, movies, excursions, romantic dinners, hand-holding, long kisses, sharing, and talking. Other interests include exploring new restaurants, '50s, '60s and fusion jazz, personal growth. Like me, please be over 40, short, medium size, nonsmoking, warm and affectionate, not afraid to emote, able to be quiet and relaxed. Reply BT Box OC7A or call ★★3787.

Let's Blow
this joint. Whaddaya say? Travel around Europe playing bebop, making the scene, sitting in at the Blue Note in New York, or a gig at Cafe Alto in Amsterdam. 27 y.o. accomplished bop sax player seeks companion for musical liaisons and/or otherwise. Must be a serious jazzhead and preferably harmony player (pno, gtr, bs). We'll be famous: a lesbian Lovano/Scofield; a homosexual Akyoshi/Tabackin. If your idea of a date is playing jazz in a club, then you're the woman for me. Reply BT Box OC8A or call ★★3788.

As You Like It
I like music, nature, cats, champagne, sunshine, blue, romance, billiards, gourmet cuisine, loyalty, travel, cafe latte, art, mountains, key lime pie, laughter, fireplaces, honesty, children, chocolate truffles, sports, and a full moon on starry nights. You are a petit, intelligent, beautiful, fiery, fit, sensual, hard-headed woman. No drug/alcohol abusers or smokers. Please call or write this slender, youthful, healthy, exquisite hazel-eyed creature of 42. Reply BT Box OC9A or call ★★3789.

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41 And Lots of Fun
—this entrepreneur's not for everyone! I'm emotionally mature, but don't look or act my age. My specs: I'm lite, not intense; average ht/wt; blonde, outdoorsy (dress like a dykey L.L. Bean ad); kinky sense of humor, sharp on the uptake, very honest, adventurous, sex-positive, Aquarius, numerology #8, a law unto myself. My preferences: a woman who's taken care of her body and mind, with some similar traits; androgyne or middle of the road, rather than butch/femme. Flat-chested lesbians, especially

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Let's Explore
the City together! I love cafes and bookstores, art, dancing, and nightlife. We're happy, independent and thoughful women, mid- to late-20s. Let's talk, let's laugh. Care to meet me after work? Call ★★3792.

Move to the Country
with me and my preschooler (world class cuddle-bunny) after we begin to love each other, of course. I want to support each other in our deepest growth and relax, unfold into the quiet green—I am mid-life, androgynous, professional, and determined. I walk a healing path and seek a companion on the trail. Call ★★3793.

October/November in Hawaii??
I'll be there for business and will have lots of free time. I'd like to connect up with other lesbians, expecially those traveling alone, for dinner, snorkeling, going to the beach and/or exploring. I'll be spending one week each on Kauai, Big Island, and Oahu. If you'll be there too, write Box-holder PO Box 31291 SF 94131, or call ★★3794. (If you wrote last month and your letter was returned, please write again—mix up at Post Office.)

Sex and Friendship...
...in that order, please! 21 y.o. seeks playful, light-hearted woman for intense sexual relationship. No commitment required, but friendship is always a possibility. Give me a try, you won't be disappointed! Reply BT Box OC10A or call ★★3795.

To: JS 12-28
for the wonderful times together—I'll never forget. You've been and will be part of my life forever. Don't forget our song "Through the test of time" and "In My Life." I love you and just take care of yourself 'cuz I do care for you so much. I'm a strong person now like you. Best of luck! Always, D.A.—OS 10-23.

On October 18, 1990
We decided to forget our differences and give our future a chance. Nonie asawa-ko, you are the blessing I always wanted, but didn't deserve. We still have a lot of differences to overcome and they won't get any easier. I'm willing to go through whatever it takes for our life together. Tu Esposa Para Siempre—J.

Looking
This homebody no longer wants to be home without nobody. I'm 45 yrs old and I want the rest to be the best. I'm looking for that special lady. I enjoy reading, bowling, a movie goer, attending sports events, especially basketball. Sense of humor, great smile, and understanding. Help the rest to be the best... please call. Reply BT Box OC11A or call ★★3796.

Let's Travel
I'm looking for someone who's as daring as I am. After 5 years in a high-pressure job I'm calling its quits. I want to travel, and potentially set up a business. I'm ambitious and want to find someone who has as much drive and spirit, to create something different from the mainstream. Let's brainstorm, I'm open to suggestions. Reply BT Box OC12A or call ★★3797.

Love to Kiss
and being single I miss kissing! I'm mid-forties medical professional who loves life. I look forward to the coming fall and winter as a time to be indoors and snuggle with family, close friends and (hopefully) my new lover. I am compassionate, honest and considerate and I highly value spirituality. You are 46+ with similar values. Reply BT Box OC13A or call ★★3798.

San Jose
Moved here from SF to avoid commute—still willing to travel, but need a life here, too. 43, professional, intense, creative and fun. Conversation, initiation; follow-through, nurturing; generosity musts. Let's do lunch, dinner, walk the dog, talk, opera, two-step, the beach, movies, etc.; create our own excitement, in the middle of everyday stuff. Reply BT Box OC14A or call ★★3799.

Here's My List...
Creative, playful, love hiking, nature (maybe even birding?), been in therapy (or some focused personal healing), spirited, 35 years or older. I am an artist which is my work as well. My personality is strong, but sweet (well, mostly), so I need friends who know themselves well. Reply BT Box OC15A or call ★★3800.

So Italian, So Intense
So what if I happen to be idiosyncratic, irreverent, inquisitive, impetuous, idealistic, impassioned, insightful, imaginative, implacable, occasionally irascible, indolent, immoderate, introverted (yes), and at times even imperfect and impossible?? I'm also smart, sensitive, sensual, sexy, funny, romantic, fit, energetic, warm (and quite good-looking actually)... and wonder why I'm not involved with an equally wonderful woman of substance and style. Besides having done my "internal work," I enjoy reading, music, museums, my friends, gardens, movies, travel, tennis, live comedy, camping, sunsets, walks, writing, body-to-body and heart-to-heart conversation, or silent reflection in your company or just my own. O' Soul Mio, let me meet a bright, culturally-politically conscious, passionate, multi-faceted, basically physically fit, principled, romantic, gainfully employed/stable yet dynamic and attractive (inside too!) woman with smiling eyes, penchant for humor, 40-50, nonsmoking and only light drinking, who can cook, or at least is not afraid of eating, feeling her feelings, speaking her mind... of being alive and ready (with the time and emotional availability) to reap the rewards of a loving, passionate and committed relationship. So... scrivimi subito if you want to investigate getting involved with this robust ragazza who laughs easily, cries unabashedly, debates passionately, touches faces, who will love and treat you with respect, honesty, integrity, courtesy, and erotic earthy gusto or sublimely spiritual devotion at the appropriate times, and is self-loving enough to feel deserving of a 'quid pro quo.' Since I am looking for more than just a date, no hotlines. Despite the autumn leaves arriving early, I will take whatever time this needs. Wouldn't you? Reply BT Box OC16A.

Sugar & Spice
and everything nice, that's what you are made of. Pretty, feminine (but not submissive) 21 y.o. desires luscious sweetheart to explore sensual world and seduction scenes. Your lacey, silk and velvet wardrobe accentuates your sexuality. Long hair a bonus. We'll enjoy music, dancing, being wined and dined, sappy movies and luxuriating in a rose petal-strewn bath. Me: spiritual, smart, savvy, and funny, and bi-racial. Under 30, race unimportant. Reply to Boxholder, 1001 Page Street, #41, SF 94117, or call ★★3802.

Novice Bottom Seeks Experienced Top
Cute, soft-butch, S/M novice bottom seeks training from experienced soft-butch—butch-top who is 21-35, safe, sane and consensual and relationship-oriented. I prefer that you have a car—I'm willing to do half of the driving. Photo appreciated, but not necessary. Reply PO Box 4866, Mountain View 94040.

Crash Course
in lesbian sex sought. I'm a 24-year-old passionate novice. Let's start out gentle. Will you teach me everything? Call ★★3803.

Bikinis by Day Glow Boxers By Night
If you are an open-minded individual who likes going on an adventure, this may be the ad for you. I'm 26 y.o. professional who likes theater, sports, music, and career-minded people. Interested in a woman who would enjoy an evening out on the town. Friendship before serious commitment is primary. Nonsmoker, drinker, no drugs. Reply BT Box OC17A.

Two Hearts
I'm kind, sweet, and very loving. Physically, I'm petite, short, cute, feminine, and very sexual. I'm smart, creative, and ethical. I am nice, very affectionate, truthful, positive, communicative, and desiring a long term committed relationship. You be too. Please also be drug free, nonsmoker, and like myself, steadily employed and financially stable, ages 35-43. I hope we become Two Hearts for possible romance. Reply BT Box OC18A or call ★★3804.

Friendship & Romance
Large woman who is comfortable with her size and you need to be too. 35, cute, slightly butch, independend and caring, great sense of humor. Like gardening, enjoy new experiences and love dogs. Companion wanted for hiking; vacations; cross-country skiing (a beginner); slow dancing and maybe some 2-stepping; romantic candlelit evenings; massages; long talks; movies and music. Must be emotionally and financially stable. Reply BT Box OC19A or call ★★3805.

For Mature Audiences Only
I would like to date healthy neurotics. Preferably petite feminine GWFs not too crazy about dancing, who love literature and the arts, enjoy film, ideas, dinner, uncensored humor and conversations that expand the heart and mind. Lite drinking/smoking OK. I'm Asian, multicultured, an intellectual and a practical idealist. I am kind and understanding, passionate and compassionate. Poetry lovers, a plus. Write to: PO Box 192351, SF 94119, or call ★★3806.

Passion/Play for You and Me
Serious, playful, intelligent, foolish, butchy, bluesy, mid-life dyke. Interested in wimmin of heart, mind, body, soul. All cultures. Eclectic, moody, creative, talkative, open-heartedness, sexplay, leather, touch. Healthcare professional, artist. Tall, friends with my body. Mother of kids. Recent Electric Shock out of relationship! Fam member ill with HIV. This womon needs friends, warmth, laughter, safety, wildness, and sister, a ride on your bike to parts unknown! Smoke, drugs, light Etoh. I know you are out there too! Wild womon! Recovery... Reply BT Box OC20A or call ★★3807.

Hey—I Want a Girlfriend
She should be in her 40s, live in SF, be attractive, bright, warm and loving, fun and funny, and smoke/toke tolerant. You know, this is what I need in my life right now—some good down time—companionship and fun. We don't have to make major plans, changes in our lives, just what to do Saturday night—a movie? Dancing? A play? Hang out at home and talk? Go away for the weekend? I'm cute, funny, nice, complex, quirky. How about you? Wouldn't it be great to have a nice, funny, cute girlfriend to make plans, go places, share things, sleep with? All we need to do is take a chance and follow through. What do you say? Give me a call. Call ★★3808.

Country Transplant
Lover of life, needs to get in nature, free myself of clothes, of the city noise, fog and smog. Looking for lesbians of a like mind with similar interests: healing arts (massage), healthy foods, strong bodies with self integrity. I like the Bay Area, but prefer the country. Need to keep my lighthearted spirit alive by frequent visits to quiet places. Recently separated from lover so wish to meet others to explore the outdoors and our deep insides. Call ★★3809.

No Reply Necessary
If you are under the influence of nicotine, the New Age, or the Republican Party; appreciate camping, processing, and variations on the spelling "women"; or are inclined to be pedanttic, pompous or self-absorbed. If, on the other hand, you feel brilliant and beautiful; are able to mix romance with skepticism, enthusiasm with pragmatism, humility with self-confidence, and are unafraid to take the big plunge into the right pool, then your reply is a must. I am fortyish, attractive, well-educated, and seeking the perfect blend of high and low brow, irreverent and awestruck, ridiculous and sublime. I value and will reciprocate with a ready wit, integrity, panache, and a broad range of interests and passions. Photo, thoughful letter, and good syntax are equally appreciated. Reply BT Box OC21A.

Culturally Cliterate
Petite professional, 31, with matching arms and legs, and two blue eyes would like to meet others of similar symmetry for museums, plays, comedy shows and conversation ranging from the writings of Joseph Campbell to the "who done it's" of Katherine V. Forrest. I'm a Buddhist by thought, but not obsessive, and am thirsty for the stimuli of intelligent conversation. Basically seeking partners of the mind, but not adverse to things going further south. Reply BT Box OC22A.

Shoot the Moon
Intense, literate, self-aware, attractive, nature loving single parent with a sense of humor and a varied past is interested in meeting a woman who reads, walks, and talks; who enjoys both the mundane and the bizarre. With career and parenting, my life is involved and demanding, but there is room in it for a warm-hearted, quick-witted, physically fit friend and lover. I crave grace, passion, and depth. I cringe at pretension, hidden agendas, and cool cookies. If you're interested in meeting, please call, or better yet, write. (No users, please.) Reply BT Box OC23A or call ★★3810.

Can I Give to You...
and you to me. I want to give love, passion, excitement, understanding, gentleness, and much more to one special woman. I'm more than ready for a mutally healthy (emotionally and physically) monogamous relationship with a woman who is not reluctant to communicate, verbally or physically, her gentler emotions. Some of my interests include: listening to music (especially while making love), concerts/theater, bike riding, travel, being near the ocean, romantic evenings, touching.... There are many other things I enjoy and many things I am. Some of the things I am: mid-40s, professional, femme, quite attractive, gentle, very affectionate and loving, sensual, playful, impulsive, sensitive and funny. If you share my interests and/or my qualities call me. Call ★★3811.

Aspiring Princess
seeks like-minded dyke with taste for extravagance. I'm an attractive, slender, mid-40s, financially secure, accomplished professional who is analytical, sensual, direct, romantic, and incredibly nice. I value passion, introspection, commitment, stability, and fastidious housekeeping. A beautiful home, luxurious vacations, and gay causes are all essentials in my life. Seek complementary, successful 35 plus woman for relationship. No smokers or heavy drinkers, please. Reply BT Box OC24A.

Attention Golden-Skinned Women
Are you a woman of color, single, looking for fun, romance, a possible partnership? Uh Huh!... Well, we are too! A singles women-of-color club now forming with monthly activities and upcoming holiday season "get-downs." First party and potluck Sat., Nov. 2nd at 7:00pm. All ages welcome. Women of color only! Reply PO Box 21141, Oakland 94620, or call ★★3812.

Seeking Friends... Perhaps More
My interests include books, film, philosophy. Your interests may be different and are many. Hopefully you are also attractive, slender and between 35 & 45. You are self-assured, emotionally healthy with no addictions. Please be caring, kind, strong. I am 36, femme, have a LabX fireplace, am partial to parks, theater, museums and that slow burn.... Reply 2215-R Market St., #253, SF 94114, or call ★★3813.

Simple Pleasures
Zaftig mama, late 40s, two pre-teen daughters. Stable, professional, bright, witty, etc., but shy. Looking for kindred spirit who enjoys the company of cats and children, long walks, long talks, home cooking, good books, Jeopardy, and ethnic and folk music. Nonsmoker, please. No drugs. Light alcohol OK. Please be East Bay or willing to drive there. Let's get together and see what develops. Reply BT Box OC25A.

Let's Play
Will you do cartwheels in the sand, sing in the street, or escape the city on a moment's notice? This ex-NYer is looking for someone to play with. On one of our "escapes" we might soak in a hotspring, hike in Yosemite, or enjoy the luxury of room service. At home, we can enjoy theater, dance, shopping, a great fiction, or a quiet evening at home listening to some Joan or k.d. You are 25-34, romantic and love to laugh. Call ★★3814.

To the Goddess J.
Thank you for coming into my life. You are indeed a beautiful, powerful, capable, lovable, and loving woman. Yours, —The Goddess M. Call ★★3815.

Clean & Sober Jewish Lezy Witch
Hi. If you answered this ad last month, all my messages were erased, so please try again. I'm spiritual, intimate, and also not afraid to be kinky. Beautiful femme, into theater & film, professional. You are butch, fun, 31 + clean & sober with at least 4 years figuring out your feelings. I'm a previously political. You might be. I like to country western dance; you lead. Call ★★3816.

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SHARED INTEREST

Chevron Lesbian/Gay Employees Group Forming
We know you're out there! We've seen you in the elevators, at the copy machine, in the cafeteria—in San Francisco, San Ramon, Richmond, Concord, and Walnut Creek. If you'd like to meet other lesbian and gay Chevron employees for socializing, networking, and/or working to improve benefits, come to our kick-off meeting, Sunday, October 20th at 2:00. For more information call ★★3886.

Culture and the Great Outdoors!
Looking for women of all ethnic backgrounds to share concerts (jazz, r&b, soul), movies, theater, and day/weekend trips to pretty/relaxing places where we can bike, sail, canoe, and walk through nature's beauty. I'm new in town. Let's have some fun! Call ★★3896.

Job and Career Transition Support Group
Thinking of changing jobs? Want a new career? Tired of what you are doing, but not sure what else to do? No good at job interviews? Need support while pounding the pavement? Join a free, leaderless support group comprised of other professional lesbians and gay men seeking "right livelihood." Call ★★3897 and leave your name and number to receive info.

Fishing Anyone?
My lover and I are looking for someone to go fishing with. We are beginners and have just purchased our first fishing rods and reels. We need someone who is willing to take the time to show us the ropes and the hot spots. If you have the time and patience or you simply want to explore the world of fishing, let's hear from you. Call ★★3898.

Queer and Unemployed?
Dyke job hunter seeks others in same boat to form casual support group. Let's meet once-a-week and motivate, encourage, and advise each other as we try to find work. Those seeking non-mainstream jobs or trying to create their own jobs especially encouraged. All welcome. Call ★★3899.

Workout Buddy
GWM, 6'1", 32 y.o., am in pretty good shape, but am looking to get bigger and stronger. Work out at Gold's on Valencia in evenings. Would like to hook up w/ someone who is serious and dedicated, like myself, and is in as good shape or better than myself. Would be willing to go to your gym. Reply 601 Van Ness, #E3356, SF 94102, or call ★★3900.

Traveling Companion
Looking for friend/buddy who, like me, has the time and money to do some traveling. Short getaways (hot springs, Northern California, Northwest, desert) as well as far away places (Italy this fall? Hawaii this winter?) GWM, 42, PWA, good energy, nice person, good communicator, interest in arts and nature, would like to be mutually supportive and fun. Let's talk soon! Call ★★3901.

Are You a Culture Vulture?
This quiet 39-year-old GAM is seeking outgoing companions of any age, interested in attending the symphony, opera, ballet and other cultural events. Other interests include musical theater and film, professional tennis spectating, art glass, European travel and city excursions. Please respond if you'd like to share your love of any of these diversions with me. Reply BT Box OC600A or call ★★3902.

Poets and Writers
I'm a closet case poet (lesbian) wanting to reconnect, find people to go to readings with, share our work and ideas over coffee and Calistoga. James Wright, Jimmy Santiago Baca, Denise Levertov, Frank O'Hara, Rilke and Rumi are all favorites. It could be a bore or it could be fun. Drop a line or a poem. Reply BT Box OC601A.

Music Anyone?
Talented, late 30s male singer/songwriter (guitar/piano) seeks serious men/women into forming a group/performing. Would love to record an AIDS benefit too! Influences: funk, R&B, rock, soft rock. I've got a strong high tenor range, lots of ideas. No drugs, please! Call ★★3903.

Masonic Brothers
I wish to meet gay or bisexual brothers interested in socal activities. I live in the East Bay and am a Master Mason in good standing. Please call if you know of such a group or wish to start one. Fraternally yours. Reply BT Box OC602A or call ★★3904.

Buddies for "Fun" Weekend Walks Wanted
Although I have motorized transportation I would really like to meet people who want to take fun, exploratory, quasi-touristy walks around SF and elsewhere—not for the purpose of exercise—though I'm sure we might break a sweat. Streets, parks, beaches, mountains all fair game. 28 y.o. GF professional guarantees good conversation along the way! Call ★★3905.

Greek Pals
So far, there is Sappho, Olga Broumas and me. I know there are other Greek homosexuals out there. Let's get together, share our culture, build a community—or just make a few new friends. There is a Greek festival this weekend on Valencia. See you there? Call ★★3906.

Classical Musicians — Sightreaders
Professional accompanist seeks other capable instrumentalists/singers for informal light-hearted music making. PO Box 1551, Cupertino 95015, or call ★★3907.

Top 10 Reasons...
...you should be my dancing partner. 10) Your inflatable doll only slow dances; 9) people

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point/stare when you dance with your mother; 8) we might become Fred and Fred (I'm no Ginger, and neither are you!); 7) we hate dancing alone; 6) we're good dancers, and just want to show everyone; 5) our steady dates are always working when we wanna boogie; 4) funky music sho' nuff turns us on; 3) I'm 37, not much time left!; 2) because I said so, that's why!!; 1) we're very clear on this concept. Call ★★3908.

Cheap Stakes Poker

Friendly, ongoing monthly poker game needs occasional extra hand. Nonsmoker, congenial. Group is mixed —M/F; S/G. Also open to starting new GM game. Call ★★3909.

Workout Partner Needed

WM intermediate BB seeking dependable, enthusiastic training partner for workouts, at Gold's —Valencia. I like short, intense well-planned workouts. No beginners, please. Strong women welcome. Call ★★3910.

Warriors Games

GWM with Warriors season tickets seeks nice GM, to watch B-Ball with. Me: 34 yrs, fit, nice guy, lefty, really into B-Ball, but not a jock. You are something sort of similar. Please no machos. Call ★★3911.

C, C++, and Windows Professionals

I would like to get together with other lesbians and gay men who program in C or C++ for DOS or for MS-Windows for a living, and who like to have fun when they are not programming. If you are interested, please call ★★3912 and leave contact information.

Buddhist Meditators Fraternity

Network for gay/bi men who practice or are interested in Buddhist meditation. Beginners welcome. Goals include encouragement to practice, friendship, possible visits to Buddhist centers, other group activities, possible building of an extended family spirit or community with other practitioners. Call ★★3913.

Fellow C.I.F.I.D.S.

I know you're out there. I'd like to meet you. You, who have had periods where shopping, dating, and root canal all felt pretty much the same. Whose emotional pain sometimes surpasses the physical pain or disablement. I've found that meeting other men of like mindes can outmaneuver my attitude around this virus. Our community is not structured to give us the support we need over the months and years we live with this condition. Perhaps individually or a few of us could meet. Hey, I'm not politicizing and have no medical establishment ax to grind. These days I pass as healthy to the civilian world. I'm the boy next door who needs more lunches, fun, and laughter. Reply BT Box OC603A or call ★★3914.

Free Rage Support Group Forming

The violence that erupted at the old state office building, the night of Sept. 30th was not just about our rage at Gov. Wilson's veto of AB101. It was an unleashing of pent-up rage resulting from years and years of repression and homophobia. If you would like to explore your rage with other lesbians and gay men, please call ★★3915 and leave contact information.

A Day at The Races

Love fast racehorses, the racetrack, and/or games of skill and chance? GWM horse owner and expert handicapper, seeks others who know how to pick winners (or want to learn) for regular weekend trips to Bay Area eacetracks and beyond. All friendly, fun-loving people welcome. Meet other racing fans, share in the fun, and (maybe) make $$ too. Write to PO Box 472133, SF 94123, or call ★★3916.

Fiber Fanatics

Have the urge to pet people in mohair sweaters? Drawn to fuzzy animals? Always wanted to make your own yarn, cloth, garments, directly from the fiber source? You may want to join us: intrepid fiber fanatics who spin, weave, knit, crochet, felt, dye natural fibers. We seek others like us and those who want to learn. Willing to share our skills with you; eager to gain new skills. Call ★★3917.

The Winner Is!

Would like to meet others who enter sweepstakes and contests frequently for a hobby. Beginners are also encouraged to respond. Write to: Boxholder, PO Box 1062, Daly City 94017-1062, or call ★★3918.

Forming a reading/discussion group, meeting every 2-4 weeks. Books will be selected by the group's 4-6 members. My own suggestions would include Mailer's new novel, Woolf's *Mrs. Dalloway*, and Nadine Gordimer. Fiction, nonfiction, and poetry are all fine. Please call, if you enjoy books, are comfortable talking about ideas, and can make a commitment to getting together periodically. Call ★★3919.

Climbing With Buddha

Seeking others interested in rock climbing, mountaineering, telemark skiing, white water rafting and/or meditation. I'll be on retreat until Nov. 4. Please write PO Box 364, Inverness 94937, or call ★★3920.

Lovers of the Great Outdoors

let's get out there & do it! East Bay, West Bay, South Bay, North Bay, weekdays, weekends, AM, PM (we'll work something out), biking, hiking, frisbee, tree climbing, roller skating, with Indians, Arabians, Asians, Africans, Hispanics, Europeans & Americans too. Leave the booze, drugs & tobacco to the barflies while we catch the fresh, sweet breeze. Reply Box 8141, Emeryville 94662, or call ★★3921.

Aussie Lesbos

Visitor from Adelaide seeks companions for tourist activities and women's social events. Is there anyone out there who was at the Sydney Opera House for the National Lesbian Conference concert in June? Give me a call, who knows, we may well have met each other down under. In SF until Oct. 28th. Call ★★3922.

Bi-Polar Support Group Forming

Gay man seeking other gay men and wonen who have received a diagnosis of Bi-Polar, manic/depression syndrome. To form a vibrant support group that can meet on a regular basis. If interested, call ★★3923.

Bodybuilder/Trainer Wanted

I'm an intermediate-level bodybuilder (33, 5'8", 182, lifting regularly for 1½ years) and want to take things up a notch or two. I'd like to meet a serious bodybuilder willing to devote a couple of hours a week to developing a training program for me that will bring results. If you've been thinking about becoming a personal trainer, I'd be a perfect guinea pig to test your techniques. Please write me at PO Box 14265, SF 94114, or call ★★3924.

Reggae Music Lover

Seeks reggae music lover to guess what, go to reggae music events. I also enjoy African music. Call ★★3925.

Hey Now!

I'd like to meet other men who enjoy Grateful Dead concerts and similar musical events. Reply BT Box OC604A or call ★★3926.

Seeking Secular Seder

I know it seems early to plan for Passover, but it always seems to arrive unexpectedly, and this year I want to have Seder with secular/athei-Jewish lesbians who are wanting/willing to have no prayers in any language to god/s or goddess/es; vegetarian; some wine, some juice. I'm in Oakland, my apartment's big enough or I'll go anywhere near. Please write Boxholder, PO Box 3252, Berkeley 94703 if you're interested; let's talk.

Running Partners in Berkeley

Attention East Bay Frontrunners and Wannabes: I'm a UCB graduate student looking for a regular partner/group for 3-4x weekly forays up the Strawberry Canyon fire trail anytime between 9:30 am and nightfall. I usually run approx. 4 miles at 7-8.5 mph; variables negotiable. I'm fit, friendly, and like to talk before oxygen becomes limiting. If your legs are getting itchy, give me a call at ★★3927.

Drum

Our womons' passion beating within a ritual of rhythm created in a circle by us... Sundays in the sun.... Call ★★3928.

Halloween, Christmas, Easter

are the main ones. Then there's Valentine's, St. Patrick's, May Day, and Midsummer Solstice. I observe seasonal holidays throughout the year with decorating, parties, research, projects, field trips, and collecting old seasonal and holiday paraphernalia (primarily secular, early 1900s-1950s) and would like to share my interests with other enthusiasts. I'm a GWM, 38, into Easter eggs, stuffed rabbits, papier mache pumpkins, costumes, candy containers, Santa,

Dykes To Watch Out For

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ONE EVENING AT THE LOCAL CO-OP...
HI, MO!
HEY, GIRLS! I WAS GONNA CALL YOU TONIGHT TO TELL YOU ABOUT THIS GREAT NEW JOB I'M PROBABLY GONNA GET AT THE BOOKSTORE!
GOOD FOR YOU! HEY, GUESS WHAT! I OVULATED TODAY!
UH... JEEZ, THAT'S WONDERFUL, TONI. IS THERE SOMETHING UNUSUAL ABOUT THAT?
NO! THAT'S JUST IT! IT'S AMAZING, MO! WE'VE BEEN CHARTING HER TEMPERATURE FOR THE PAST 3 MONTHS, AND A PATTERN IS EMERGING!
YESTERDAY MY CERVICAL MUCUS WAS STICKY, THEN MY TEMPERATURE DROPPED THIS MORNING... THEN I FELT A SLIGHT CRAMP AFTER BREAKFAST. I'M SURE IT WAS THE EGG RELEASING!
YOU HAD EGGS FOR BREAKFAST AND GOT A CRAMP? SO? WHAT ARE YOU TWO TALKING ABOUT?!
THE BEGINNING OF A NEW LIFE, MO!
OH! WELL, IT'S NOT THAT DRAMATIC. BUT IT MIGHT INVOLVE A SMALL SALARY INCREASE!
MEANWHILE...
Guess that's all for now, angel. I just can't wait to be with you! ♡Malka
HEY GINGER! ARE YOU MASTURBATING IN THERE OR WHAT? I WANNA SHOW YOU SOMETHING!
KNOK KNOK!
IF I'M MASTURBATING, WILL YOU LEAVE ME ALONE?
NO! CHECK IT OUT. HOW DO I LOOK?
LIKE A WHITE GIRL IN A BLACK BRA. NOW CAN I HAVE SOME PRIVACY?
PRETTY HOT, HUH? I GOT IT IN HONOR OF MY NEW JOB AT THE BOOKSTORE.
BUT YOU DON'T HAVE IT YET! WHAT IF JEZ HIRES MO?
I BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING! CIAO! I'M GOING OUT DANCING TO CELEBRATE.
YOU'RE GOING OUT LIKE THAT? AREN'T YOU FORGETTING SOMETHING?
DUH! THE TAG! THANKS, GINGER THAT WOULDA BEEN EMBARASSING!
The Blow
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IT'S MONDAY MORNING AT MO'S HOUSE,
ISN'T TODAY THE DAY JEZANNA SAID SHE'D LET YOU KNOW WHO SHE'S HIRING FOR THE NEW JOB?
YUP! LET'S HAVE DINNER AT THE TOPAZ TONIGHT TO CELEBRATE!
AND AT LOIS'S TOO...
GOOD LUCK, LOIS! HOPE YOU GET THE JOB!
LUCK, SCHMUCK! IT'S IN THE BAG, BABE!
SQUEEK!
DAMN! WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING HERE ON TIME?
WELL?
DIDJA DECIDE?
OKAY, OKAY. LET'S GET IT OVER WITH. LISTEN, I KNOW YOU WERE BOTH COUNTING ON THIS JOB...
POOR LOIS! SHE DIDN'T GET IT!
POOR MO! I HOPE SHE DOESN'T TAKE IT TOO HARD.
...BUT I HIRED SOMEONE ELSE.
YOU WHAT?
WHO?!
HER NAME'S THEA. SHE'S NEW IN TOWN. MAYBE YOU SAW HER WHEN SHE BROUGHT HER RESUME IN LAST WEEK. SHE WALKS WITH CRUTCHES.
LOOK, I'M SORRY. I KNOW YOU'RE DISAPPOINTED. BUT IT'D BE A REALLY DUMB MOVE NOT TO HIRE HER.
SHE HAS YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS A BUYER FOR A BOOKSTORE ON THE WEST COAST. SHE KNOWS THE JOB!
PLUS SHE'S AN ARTIST. SHE'S IN TOUCH WITH LOTS OF CRAFTSWOMEN AND HAS SOME GREAT IDEAS FOR SETTING UP A GALLERY IN THE STORE...
WHAT CAN I SAY? SHE'S SMART, FUNNY, HER REFERENCES ARE FANTASTIC!
JEZANNA, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU PASSED UP ME AND LOIS FOR SOME STRANGER JUST BECAUSE SHE'S DISABLED!

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tree lights. Call ★★3936.

Thought About Retiring in Mexico?
Get together with others contemplating retiring in Mexico or Central America. Learn how cheaply you can live on a fixed or limited income, or how royally you can live on moderate income. Organizer of this group has ben to Mexico 25+ times and has extensive information to share. Maybe you feel a little fearful. Come and join us anyway. Talk is cheap and we'll have fun. Maybe you know of gay or lesbian enclaves South of the Border? Wouldn't that be nice? Call ★★3929.

Perfume or Smoke Bother You?
We are reaching out to people who are noticing themselves becoming sensitive to chemical products and burning things. If fragranced products (including detergents, cologne, incense, cosmetics, room "deodorizers," etc.), ordinary household chemicals, paint, car exhaust, roofing tar, tobacco smoke, new carpeting, etc. make you feel uncomfortable or sick in any degree please contact the Canary Connection, a self-help, educational and referral group. Learn what is happening to your health, your immune system, and your body. Call ★★3930.

Tropical Botanicals
Into gardening with an island flair? Searching for others who share an interest in growing bananas, plumarias and coconut palms. Looking for sources, seeds, cuttings and growing tips. Aloha —call ★★3931.

Second Generation Group
A group of gay male children of Holocaust survivors/refugees is now forming in San Francisco. Our initial meeting will be devoted to introductions, discussing the format of future meetings, and whatever else you'd like to discuss. Please leave a voice mail message with your name and phone number. We'll contact you immediately. Call ★★3932.

Greek Anyone?
Grecophile is interested in forming a group for Greek-Americans and other Grecophiles who share my passion for all things Greek: music, food, language, people, and Greece. I'd like to have monthly/bi-monthly potlucks where we could socialize in a tobacco-free environment and enjoy some great Greek food, conversation, and music followed later by Greek dancing. Euxaristo polee. PO Box 14594, SF 94114, or call ★★3933.

1930s Music
Good clarinet/reed player seeking guitar, bass, piano (vocalist?) to get together and play music of Berlin, Gershwin, Astaire, Cole Porter, Lee Wiley, B.G., Shaw, Ellington, and the like. Please write to PO Box 193462, SF 94119, or call ★★3934.

Clean & Sober Girls Games Night
Women 30+ get together to play Pictionary and other fun games—a safe way to meet each other. Call # and leave your name and number for the address and time. Call ★★3935.

Bi
BISEXUAL

Switch? Bottom?
Safe, sane, Bi guy looking for a female bottom or switch for consentual play. No requirements. From light role playing to heavy leather OK. I'm brainy, innovative, 5'11", slim, trim, 165 lbs, blue eyes, brown salt and pepper hair. Reply BT Box OC300A or call ★★3863.

Spankings
South of the border style... Have a bad attitude? I'll work over your firm buns long and hard. No sissies for this hombre. Just real men who need to be taken down a notch. I'm talking discipline , Entiendes? I'm 6', 180 lb, and ready to break your spirit. Send letter and picture. Reply BT Box OC301A or call ★★3864.

Bisexual, Ballroom Dancer, Asian Female
I've been looking, but haven't found you. WM, 45, 5'10", 150 lbs, cleanshaven seeks slender, nonsmoker for friendship. I'm sensitive, trustworthy, and caring. Are you similar? What's fun? BR dancing (I'm no fanatic), movies, Bay Area exploration, some theater, some TV, the outdoors, natural things, animals, massage and quiet times. Want to twinkle? PO Box 14426, SF 94114, or call ★★3865 (bisexuality optional).

Submissive
29-year-old heavy metalist with girl's haircut, killer ass, girl's legs, money, veins and brains to match seeks sexy, lean female to use strap-on dildo on him in exchange for whatever her heart desires. Axl outlaw looks with personality to match. Looking for long-term relationship. HIV-. Call ★★3866.

Kissmet
Young attractive European M-F couple in the city, sophisticated and sensual, seeking attractive bi-girl, any race, to make it a trio. Friendship and flirtation in a secure, non-pressured, comfortable environment. We enjoy conversation, exploration, meditation, massage. We're healthy in spirit, mind, and body. Let's talk and get acquainted. Reply BT Box OC302A or call ★★3867.

No Experience Necessary
44 y.o. WM bisexual, dominant/top type, switch versatile, semi-experienced seeks two to four bisexual WM for safe sex, mutual fucking, sucking, jacking off; one on one at first. Others later if chemistry is right. Opportunity to create gang bang, orgy, exhibition, voyeur, reality. Open to negotiate other interests (S/M, B/D perhaps). Shy, inexperienced encouraged. I'm 5'10, 155#, average body, cock, HIV-. PO Box 2896, SF 94126, or call ★★3868.

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Definitive Words
Helpful letters & numbers: GWM, 45, Brn/Brn, 6'4", 220 lbs, 4 with a 3 wing, ENFP, HIV-, 135 IQ, 7". Applicable adjectives: affectionate, educated, enthusiastic, funny, good-looking, profound, sensitive, sensual, sexy, and even spritual (from Anglican—Zen). Topic sentence: I am looking for a committed reationship and some new friends. If this sounds good, call and tell me who you are and what you want. Reply BT Box OC70A or call ★★3937.

Relationship
European in his 40s, 5'11" tall, br hair, br eyes, 180 lb, HIV-, stocky, down-to-earth, not into the bar scene, laid back, looking for similar. I enjoy books, history, films, dinners out, day trips, outdoors, good discussion, sometimes cooking. No heavy drinkers, drugs or smoking. All replies welcome and answered. Your picture gets mine. Reply BT Box OC71A or call ★★3938.

You Care About Your Body
and your heart. Welcome, gentle one. You are kindly, speak from your body and your heart. We are both sensitive, honest, nurturing, soulful, playful, self-supporting, want open communication. You are any race, 25+, GM, enjoy a "quality mature gentleman." We both seek lover, partner, friend. I enjoy trains, sailing, desert, walking, home, massage, cats; GWM, 5'9", 175, 53 young years, HIV-, muscular, beard/mustache. Reply BT Box OC72A or call ★★3939.

GWM 30
Br/bl, weightlifter, real attractive, well educated. Seeking GWM bodybuilder or weightlifter who is ready for friendship and possible relationship. I'm 5'8" and am ready to try again after being single over two years. Am sincere, dedicated to being with another handsome guy who also likes outdoors, wrestling, theater, romance and the "white fence and house" stuff. Phone and picture appreciated to PO Box 9636 Berkeley 94709 or call ★★3940.

Don't Read This
unless you seek spiritual intimacy (not a physical "trophy"). True love takes time, needs history of sharing, trusting, listening, laughing, crying, adapting, forgiving, accepting, growing. Love commits to others' true happiness unselfishly and unconditionally. Important: HIV-, self-aware, intuitive, not paranoid, intense love of self/others/nature/beauty/animals. Pianist, teacher, composer, INFP/artist-type, refined musician. GWM, 43, 5'7", 120, PO Box 1551 Cupertino 95015 or call ★★3941.

We Are Both Handsome,
bearded gentlemen over 40. Like me, you are intelligent and educated, kind and thoughtful, have a good sense of humor, you enjoy a variety of experiences, from country to classical, and respect and enjoy who you are. I'd like to meet someone who enjoys affection and hugs as well as eroticism and sex. I am 6' tall, 165 lbs, auburn grey hair and beard. I'm 55, but look about 48, and hope you are near my age. Reply BT Box OC73A or call ★★3942.

Large Belly??
Do you have a large belly? —One that sticks way out over your jeans? If so, this good-looking, masculine, slender, 31 yr old GWM who is 6'1", 170 with brown hair/blue eyes wants to hear from you now! Reply BT Box OC74A or call ★★3943.

Available, Day Or Lifetime
GWM, 31, fun, hot, tanned, 150 lbs, blnd/hazel, 5'10", very sexual, romantic, looking for hot horny man to play, bond with, mentor. You're maybe older, 40s-30s, muscular, hairy, hung, and need someone younger, mature. I like C/W, outdoors, garden, travel, HIV unimportant. Be honest, massage, cook, bike, horseback ride. Reply Boxholder PO Box 1182 Clearlake Park 95424 or call ★★3944.

Looking For Hot Sex
GWM, 34, good-looking, 5'10", 175 lb, black hair, beard and mustache, HIV+. Looking for hot sex, romance, lover, friend, etc. Totally versatile and into most scenes. Expecially into tit play, balding, tattoos, large cocks, rough sex, 3-ways, etc. Leave message on voice mail or send photo and letter to PO Box 14424, SF 94114 or call ★★3945.

Masculine Outdoor Professional
I am an easy-going professional (architect), GWM, 55, 5'10", 152#, HIV-, blue eyes, brown hair, moustache, flexible nonsmoker, moderate drinker. I enjoy a comfortable life in Marin entertaining friends at my home, restaurants, movies, biking, walking, swimming & gym-oriented. I enjoy quality time with my lover (I've had two long relationships). Sex is not first priority when I meet someone, but enjoy kissing and cuddling. Reply BT Box OC75A or call ★★3946.

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I'm interested in meeting a few nice men to date. Just one would be okay, actually. I'm 5'8", 140, br/br, 30, not unattractive, a vegetarian, a good liberal, a book fetishist, and a decent conversationalist. I like a pretty face as much as the next guy, but what's most important is that you be intelligent and open-minded and have a sense of humor. Reply BT Box OC76A or call ★★3947.

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Affectionate, nurturing, clean cut, very handsome, nice bod, GBM, HIV-, 36, 6'2", 165 welcomes a man who has strong open arms, is self-assured and caring. Ability to communicate interest in another besides one's own self interest. Sound values: integrity, fidelity, and good heart are more important than your looks or race. Drop a note to BT Box OC77A or call ★★3948. You'll be able to soar with this angel.

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seeks long-term relationship. We are intelligent, communicative, creative, HIV-, striving for self-awareness, honest, tolerant, and attractive. In time we may enjoy many hours of sex/making love, and movies, beaches, museums, hikes etc. I'm 37, blond, trim, 5'7", and enjoy yoga and working out. Your race, age or economic status is less important than your kindness and warmth, commitment, openness, and attractiveness. Reply BT Box OC78A or call ★★3949.

Seeking Latino
GWM, 27, 5'8", 130 lbs, br/br, slim, smooth, N/S, lots of fun, into theater arts, sketching and dance. Seeking young Latino men to date, friendship, and hot sex! I'm versatile, and HIV- and very romantic with the right guy. I speak Spanish, though not fluently. I like to travel, have a beer now and then —I like to have fun. Give me a call! Reply BT Box OC79A or call ★★3950.

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All Italian man, 43, 5'8", 155 lbs, masculine, muscular, dark, balding, hairy, very well hung and uncut, looking for similar men into hot safe times. Very hairy men a plus. Respond to PO Box 2554, Guerneville 95446-2554 or call ★★3951.

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Spin Those 45s
I grew up listening to 45s, matured to 33s, seasoned with CDs, and then...oops! Suddenly it's me that's 45! But for a few minor scratches, this GWM, 45 single got through it all intact, in shape, experienced, and optimistic. And ready again for a relationship, one to last based on friendship, communication, and sexual/emotional intimacy. To describe myself: masculine, good-looking, trim, 140 lbs, 5'7", br/bl. And you: also masculine, attractive and trim, 30-40, short to medium in height. Us: HIV-, emotionally open, affectionate, sensual, bright and educated, nonsmokers/substance abusers, with many interests (including movies, the arts, good food, travel and—of course!—music). Please respond with photo (returned) and phone to Boxholder OC81A.

Hung And Horny
Also healthy and hungry for head. I'm 5'9", 165 lbs, brown/blue, moustached, 48, and very well hung. I like foreign lands, dark and hairy men, books, plays, men with originality, good food, sexy men, wit and humor, social justice, new pleasures, walks, talk, and sex. Seek sexual friendship, open to more. Reply BT Box OC82A or call ★★3954.

Unconventionally Yuppified
twentysomething overachiever with dark SE Asian good looks, a very muscled, sexually versatile body, and self-defined preferences for the music of Ellington, Monk, and Goodman trio, modern art and architecture, Abstract Expressionism, the films of Woody Allen, Italian and cooked Japanese cuisine, the academics, antiques from anywhere, health, fitness, and water sports. I'm interested in meeting bright, ambitious men of any interest and background who actively believe in personal and environmental betterment. Reply BT Box OC83A or call ★★3955.

Techno Homo
I've been in front of my monitor too much lately. I need to get out for more dates/laughs/sex. When away from my computer, this 27 yo, 6'3", 160#, light brown haired, dark brown eyed, GWM enjoys dancing, music, good books, good sex and a good laugh. You should be 25 to 32, 6'+, HIV-, slender to medium build and have a good sense of humor. Reply BT Box OC84A or call ★★3956.

Masculine Italian
GWM, 6'2", dark hair and eyes, youthful 40s, husky build with hairy chest and mustache. Considered good-looking and straight-appearing. Healthy HIV+. Successful. Don't use alcohol or drugs, but I smoke. Enjoy many interests including gardening, carpentry, traveling, dining out, movies and good friendships. Am attracted to younger, masculine men who are slim, on the quiet side, and possess a positive attitude. Send photo and phone number to Boxholder, 1547 Palos Verdes Mall, Suite 120, Walnut Creek 94596-2228.

An Equal
Goal: Slowly enter into a lasting, monogamous relationship based on love and mutual commitment. Would like to eventually co-habitate with hopes of creating a family by adopting children and acquiring pets. Me: 32 yrs, Financial District type, international background, financially secure, graduate degree. 5'11", 160 lbs, straight acting, HIV-, drug free/nonsmoker, John Boy looks, brn/hzl. Close with family and friends, independent, grown up, just a touch of wild. Interests: Swim/jog regularly, weightlifting, computers, getting together with friends, calling family on the phone, dancing, beaches, quiet dinners, the economy, making love in interesting places. Strengths: Kindness, patience, an ability to listen. Support of family and friends, nice smile, strong libido, enthusiastic aobut life. Weakness for: Eyes with laughter, kisses that go on forever, Oreo Cookies, terrific bodies, building sandcastles, large appendages, puppies, slow dancing. Turnoffs: Stand and model types, party addicts, no integrity, insecurity. You: Ability to laugh at life, to express and receive emotion. Close with family and friends. HIV-, 28-37 yrs, financially secure, 5'11"+, good-looking all-American type, into sports, children and animals. Strong libido, drug-free, nonsmoker, desire and strength to work on a relationship. Requirements: Honesty, photograph. Reply BT Box OC85A or call ★★3957.

Open & Honest?
GWM, 32 yo, 6', 175 lbs, blond/hazel, HIV-, handsome, fun-loving, compassionate, who enjoys movies, theater, music & even TV. I also enjoy hiking, camping, spending long weekends together. I'm looking to meet a potential significant other who is willing to take a chance to be open, honest & real. Someone who knows that it takes time & work & that love at first sight happens mostly in fairytales. Put yourself out there & take a chance. Who knows? Call ★★3958.

Relationship Search
GWM, 50, 5'9", 155, top, independent professional in great shape seeks younger, fit, nonsmoking handsome GWM for permanent relationship. Good snese of humor, a brain, career and high sexual energy necessary for compatibility. Send returnable photo oand letter to Boxholder, PO Box 14546, SF 94114 or call ★★3959.

Dark Men Wanted
GWM, 32, 170#, 6', blond, nonsmoker, non-drinker, laid back, cleancut, monogamous, domestic, affectionate. Enjoy lap swimming, gym, quiet eves. Looking for GWM 25-40, monogamous, affectionate, open HIV-, cleancut with dark features, nonsmoker, non-drinker. If you are ready for a relationship give me a call! Reply BT Box OC87A or call ★★3961.

Let's Take a Hike
Warm, lovable, and handsome GWM, 5'10", 1765, blue eyes, br/grey hair, mustache, 52, seeks yonger man for romantic dating and possible long-term mate. You are attractive, fit, easygoing, and have a sense of humor. Hairy and baldness plusses. Outdoors-orineted triple plusses. HIV- preferred. Masculine a must. Let's hike in the woods and see what chemistry lurks. Send note with photo to BT Box OC88A, or call ★★3962.

Passionate Connection
Seeking potential friend/lover, 28-45. I'm an attractive, fit, GWM, 35, 5'11", 145 lbs, who enjoys running, hiking, travel, ethnic food, old movies, theater, art, passionate sex, and progressive politics. It isn't necessary that you enjoy all of these things (except maybe passionate sex). What is important is that you be open to exploring new relationships and be unafraid of emotional intimacy. Photo appreciated/returned. Reply BT Box OC89A or call ★★3963.

Sex Buddy Wanted
Attractive, discreet GAM (41, 5'8", 149 lbs) with smooth athletic body and warm personality seeks mature GWM with muscular bodyy and friendly personality for safe oral sessions at your place. Mustache and hairy body a plus, but not required. Please write with photo. Reply BT Box OC90A or call ★★3964.

Good Catch Seeks Same
This handsome GW (half Asian, half Caucasian), 33, 5'9", 145 is looking to meet guys around my age for friendship and ultimatley a long-term, committed relationship. I am naturally masculine, lyal, sensitive, a professional, athletic, atriculate, a nonsmoker and rare drinker, and am HIV-. I am also a progressive thinker, but dislike political correctness. My interests include running, movies, theater, pop music (from rock to show tunes), dining out and guitar. If you are a masculine GM, HIV-, reasonably attractive and fit, within five or six years of my age, share similar values and goals and live in SF (preferred), please write with photo (returned). Reply BT Box OC91A or call ★★3965.

Let's Have a Party with Your Boner in My Mouth
Very conserviative good-looking, 36, 6', 175; executive type, hardbodied, deep-voiced bottom guy is looking for top men who enjoy being serviced. Love partying on weekends, having my tits tweaked while I chow donw on your boner. Previously a top, new to being a bottom and loving it. Expert cocksucker. Have a big dick and hot holes reserved for you. Photo required bud-

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Enough of candlelit dinners and long walks on the beach! I'm looking for good sex, period. I'm tall, hung, trim, attractive, early 40s, HIV-, very successful. Am looking for younger HIV- guys who love to get fucked, give head and take direction. I love yuppies. Let's take of your blue blazers, loosen our red ties, and fuck. Picture, please. 2215-R Market Street, Box 442, SF 94114, or call ★★3967.

Testosterone Overload

6'2", 200#, blond, blue, muscular, masculine, HIV-, GWM, 44 seeks bigger buddy 18-45 for rough-and-tumble play. Into pumping iron, jujitsu, physical contact, a buddy's pleasure, respectful dominance, boisterous boys, manly men, scrum scum, a worthy oponent, a best friend. Prefer straight or gay WM. Bi curious/confused need not apply. X-USMC A+. Letter with photo and phone to Boxholder, PO Box 591 Davis 95617 or call ★★3968.

Inner Child

on board. Wants playful, sensual nature-loving king, warrior, magician, lover to roam the readwoods. Your soul is mor important than cock size. Your compassion more important than your income. Mutual affection is important, too. You are committed to life, making a contricution, & not a Narcussus boy posing as a man. You are in touch & communicate feelings—on some kind of spiritual path. Send photo & reply. Box 471 Monte Rio 95462 or call ★★3969.

Spanking and Affection

If you're a smooth, lean, youthful-looking HIV-guy 18-40 (Asians and all others welcome) who wants to receive Daddy-spankings in cuddly, orgasmic fantasy play and who is also open to responsible, mutually caring partnership, let's talk! I'm white, 42, 5'11", 165, attractive, masculine, bearded, thinning hair, a teacher, enjoy nature, culture, music, gym, and being out as gay. I prefer reliability, little substance use, and little materialism. Describe yourself, include phone, photo optional. PO Box 8031, Berkeley 94707, or call ★★3970.

Guys Think I'm Straight

Handsome, athletic, horny WM (6'1", 190 lb, brown eyes, short curly hair) looking for similar type of guy. You might be like me: very much into sports (I'm a runner/swimmer), all music, film, and fine eating. Great sex is important, but communication and intimacy are key too. A muscular, athletic tall man drives me wild—you'll love it! Please reply w/letter and photo (returned). Reply BT Box OC94A or call ★★3971.

Kindred Spirits

Like you, this 36-year-old GWM is still looking for that masculine, spontaneous, playful man to share city nitelife, long walks, bike rides, weekend escapes, a little craziness, a little romance. Like you, this 6' 170 lb nice guy with light brown receding hair believes it's impossible to find out all there is to know about someone in one night. But you're like me, willing to take the risk and explore the possibilities! Reply BT Box OC95A or call ★★3972.

San Jose GAM

Chinese computer professional, 33, 5'9", 160#, good-looking, athletic and smooth body. I'm intelligent, ambitious, but easy going. I like tennis, bowling, dancing (ball room, Western, disco), movies, music, and good food. Looking for friends and maybe more. You: 25-35 yr old, GAM/GWM w/similar qualities. Fitness is a must. Both: no drug user, no smoke, straight-acting. Write w/photo (optional). Reply BT Box OC96A or call ★★3973.

Male Heat

GWM, 28, 5'7", 145#, mustache, br/br, handsome, Iberian descent, hairy, HIV-, grad student. Intelligent, open-minded, versatile, stable, horny, moderate smoker. Looking for playmate or occasional sex buddy. You are a WM on the fair side, handsome, around 35-45, 5'9" on up, hairy chest, gay or bi. Enjoy movies, outdoors, camping, massages, dining out, long walks, cuddling, passionate foreplay, CW dancing. Reply BT Box OC97A or call ★★3974.

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Cynical sense of humor. Muscular, healthy, fit. Relish a night filled with poetry as much as a heady dungeon scene. Looking for a buddy to make the rounds with; could be a movie, a gallery opening. Perhaps a quieter time or late nite bicycle ride. A healthy, creative, adventuresome spirit gets my vote. A wink and a smile is fun too. Give me a call. Reply BT Box OC98A or call ★★3975.

Consider the Possibilities

I'm a 39 y.o. bearded GWM who is good-looking, in good shape and HIV-. I'm a professional with a grad degree and seek nonsmoking masculine men of any race (especially Asians and blacks). I'm attracting a man who is warm, sensitive, nurturing, sensual, mature and is attracted to me. I enjoy outoor activities (walk, hike, bike, camp out, snow ski), bear hugs, sensual versatile sex, traveling both near and far and weekend getaways, to mention a few. If interested let's connect and see what develops. Reply BT Box OC99A or call ★★3976.

Bottoms on Top

Tired of having your face in the pillow all the time? Do you feel awkward or incapable of "taking charge" in a sexual relationship? Have you been afraid to talk to partners about it? Do you "short circuit" or pop when you get within shooting distance of a cute rear end? Well, I do, and if you do too, it's time for a change. Am interested in talking to other guys about it—and maybe schedule supportive practice sessions if the chemistry is right. I am GWM, 41, 160, 6', HIV+, single and relationship-oriented. Would appreciate note response with photo—will return and respond with same. Got a better idea? Reply BT Box OC100A or call ★★3977.

Man Alive!

I'm 42, teacher, attractive, bearded, balding, 5'11", 165, Jewish, spiritual/practical, love nature/culture, hate shopping, play piano. Seek lean, smooth, youthful-looking guy 18-40 (Asians and all others welcome), reliable, communicative, substance-unhooked, HIV-, masculine, out as gay. Are you open to loving, supportive partnership? Are you open to Daddy/Son cuddly spanking fantasy play? Describe yourself, include phone, photo optional. PO Box 8031, Berkeley 94707 or call ★★3978.

I Like Ass

This GWM top, 39, 6'5", 200 lbs, brown hair, and mustache is looking for nice buns to play with. I love to look at, touch, massage, tickle, and probe a nice ass. Light spanking and vibrator massage will stimulate nerve endings. Safe sex follows. You: attractive, GWM, 21-35. If your dick's hard from reading this ad, send photo and letter. Reply BT Box OC101A or call ★★3979.

Sonoma County Gentleman

Would like to meet someone who is no gentleman, sir! I am 48, pleasant, easy to talk to, good-humored, hungry, appreciative of youthful beauty. You are slender, 18-30, sensual, horny, perhaps vain and exhibitionistic, or maybe somewhat shy. You definitely enjoy getting good head which I defininely enjoy giving. Daytimes are best, no? PO Box 1443 Forestville 95436 or call ★★3980.

San Jose GWM

41, 6'4", 220 lbs, clean shaven, HIV-, seeking sensual monogamous relationship with NS younger smooth, 6'+ GM who enjoys camping, traveling, and animals. Reply BT Box OC102A or call ★★3981.

Outdoor Type Guy?

Handsome, straight-appearing white male, 31, 6'2", 165 wants to meet masculine white male, 24-38, who enjoys evening workouts, weekend bicycling, hiking and backpacking. I'm a conservative, romantic, cleancut professional, nonsmoker, positive thinker and still believe in monogamy. You should have goals, strong values and be aerobically fit. Size of equipment unimportant; kissing expertise is. Can't dance but know how to be a good friend and lover. Reply BT Box OC103A or call ★★3982.

Solo and Social

Loner who also loves people, cats, nature and the world, would like to meet similar spirit(s). I'm honest and flexible of mind and body, have nice ones of both, and, as well as enjoying them by myself, would enjoy sharing them with someone: around my age (42), whose weight is proportional to his height (I'm 5'8", 148#), smoothish rather that hirsute (as I am), who likes what he looks like (I've got longish brown hair, and an extremely short auburn beard), who takes good care of himself (HIV status significant but not dichotomizing), doesn't smoke and doesn't hate cats, and likes to have fun (the usual as well as the unusual). Sound like you, or someone you'd like to know? Give a call and let's talk, or write with a recent photo. Reply BT Box OC104A or call ★★3983.

Playmate/Lifemate

Are you a slim or muscular, nicely endowed GWM or Latin, in your 20s or 30s, top, versatile, or oral? Do you want a loving relationship with a strong, warm and understanding man in his 40s who is young enough to have a firm, athletic build, a playful, adventurous personality, and a high level of emotional, physical, and sexual energy? Would you like to meet this monogamously inclined, creative, outgoing, affectionate GWM with brown hair (balding), dark eyes, 5'8", 145 lbs and a hairy chest that covers a wild but loving heart? If so reply to BT Box OC105A or call ★★3984.

Usually Rational

but not always. Attractive, HIV-, 41 yr old professional admits moments of lunacy. Looking to meet men (38-48) who are in touch with their feelings and not afraid to share them. Key words and values include sensitive, supportive, insightful, educated, considerate, intelligent, humorous, spiritual, assertive, affectionate, honest. Prefer men who say what they feel and mean it, know their limits, are not overly co-dependent, are good conversationalists, are not afraid of being vulnerable, and know relationships take time and work. Interests include reading, hiking, nature, animals, cultural activities, PBS, ethnic foods, history, psychology, movies. A perfect Saturday evening is a shared meal, good conversation, and heavy cuddling in front of the VCR. SF residents preferred; no substance abusers. Reply BT Box OC106A or call ★★3985.

Are You Chubby and Short?

WM, 45, 5'10", 210 lbs, hairy, masculine, sexually versatile, affectionate and sincere, tired of all the games. Looking for short chubby guy, 25-40 to share good times. Send photo if possible. PO Box 1714 Daly City 94014 or call ★★3986.

Straight-Appearing, Handsome

GWM, 31, 6'2", 170, brown/green, looking to meet a good-looking, masculine white male who is intelligent, in good shape, and wants to date a caring, energetic professional. I'm attracted to hard working guys who don't smoke, have lots of energy and enjoy spending their weekends outdoors. I'm HIV- and enjoy kissing, oral sex and sleeping together. Returnable photo/phone to Boxholder, PO Box 1039, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★3987.

Romantic Top

Tender-hearted, antic, good-looking, GWM, 41, 6', 165, nonsmoker with lt brown hair, blue eyes and lanky build wants to meet monogamously inclined sweetheart of a guy 30-40 who is healthy and health conscious with a collegiate style, good mind, playful sense of humor, and a very big heart. I enjoy being at home together, sharing ideas and feelings, and while I swim daily I'm far more inclined toward reading, TV, gardening, creative arts and city interests than athletic pursuits. I take my time making love, I talk afterwards. I am a natural giver, a fine listener, someone you can trust with your heart, and very funny. If you'd like to meet a man like me, send me your photo and I'll send you mine. Reply BT Box OC107A or call ★★3988.

Hey You!

Yes you, that handsome man in his late twenties/early thirties who is looking for that very attractive 30 yr old, 6', 155 lb, Br/Bl, athletic, professional, All American man with a full busy life who wants to meet some new and exciting people and someday Mr. Right or maybe even just an occasional roll in the hay. Well,guess what, that's me! If you are of similar status, honest, with a good sense of humor, know how to have a good time and enjoy life then drop me a line and let's talk. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box OC108A or call ★★3989.

Wanna Play With Us?

S/M role-oriented couple seeks GWM couples/singles into leather, BD, toys, shaving, etc., for hot, safe, intense play. We are early 40s, good-looking, uninhibited, physically fit, nonsmoking, intelligent, professional and fun. You are 30-45, masculine, short-haired, good-looking, trim or gym-toned, nonsmoking and emotionally mature. Versatile tops and bad boys are encouraged to apply. Novices will be considered. Send resume and photo to Box 325, 1230 Market, SF 94102 or call ★★3990.

A Spankin for Misbehavin

Hot Blk Daddy places jocks, school boy types, and other Bubble Butt boys over his knee for sizzling bare ass discipline. Limits expanded and respected. All races welcome. Novices and Femmes OK. All calls returned. Get what you've been wanting! Call or write me now. Reply BT Box OC109A or call ★★3991.

Handsome Grey-Haired Koala

seeks attractive younger cub (20-30) to share Big Sur home part/full time. Semiretired surgeon actively building home on 80 acres. You can help or do your own thing if you can demonstrate a balance of honesty, humor, independence, and sense of commitment and compassion. No heavy drugs or alcoholics, pls. All replies with photo answered. Tantra —PO Box 580, Big Sur 93920.

Bear Seeks Bear/Bear Seeks Bear

Appreciative, hairy, husky, gentle and strong man seeks same or similar for friendship and lovemaking, sharing/Appreciative, hairy, husky, gentle and strong man seeks same or similar for friendship and lovemaking, sharing/Do respond to: Bear, 584 Castro St., #247, SF 94114 or call ★★3992/Do respond to: Bear, 584 Castro St., #247, SF 94114 or call ★★3992.

Good Bottom

30 y.o., 5'9", 150 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes with great buns and hole for your mantool, 25-40 yrs. Call ★★3993.

Slim Chinese or Viet Lover Wanted

Sincere WM, youthful 41 years, 6'2", 170 lbs, trim, blue eyes, cleanshaven, HIV-, seeks slim or skinny Asian 20-36 for boyfriend or lover. I'm affectionate, nonsmoking, good listener, mental health professional. Plus if you are foreign-born, not into bars, warmhearted, enjoy some exercise. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 210202, SF 94121-0202.

Very Special

Outgoing, adventurous, spontaneous, powerful, assertive, but very warm, sensitive and loving mature HIV- Hastings Law student in wheelchair with slight speech impediment (like Christy Brown in "My Left Foot" but I don't look like him) invites a young, fun-loving, spiritual, athletic, sensitive, monogamous guy with a big heart and high self-esteem to share love and happiness. I am caring, tanned, handsome and fun to be with. If your life is together and you're not fearful of a wheelchair, you'll be more than happy with me. If possible, send picture and phone number. Thanks. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 4607, Berkeley 94704, or call ★★3994.

Hot Bottoms This Is for You

Me: 5'10", 170 lb, very attractive, financially secure, and have a lot to offer; You: Hot Bottom. Photo a must. PO Box 21084, Oakland 94620.

Seek Buddy/Date for Mutual Growth

Gregarious/reserved homeowner, sexy/conservative-appearing independent with ironic humor. Little package/thick surprise (top), muscular swimmer's build, 39 y.o., 5'8", 155#, receding hairline, clean shaven. I like career orientation, swimming, lifting, bicycling, backpacking, music, urban culture, mountain adventures, food, and nonsmokers. Similar/complementary men 30-45, HIV-, trim muscular body and intelligent mind write with photo: Box 11290 Oakland 94611.

Three Cats and a Bear

46-year-old GWM seeking a close friend in other GWMs. I'm HIV+, healthy, warm, and intelligent. My greatest gift is my warmth, compassion and my sense of humor. If you're 25 to 55 and are looking for a handsome, hairy, chunky guy, please write PO Box 425402, SF 94142, or call ★★3995.

South Bay Handsome Healthy HIV+, 45

6', 155, Italian, slender/muscular, quite youthful and actually one of the better looking guys in this area. Into a simple uncomplicated lifestyle: metaphysics, megavitamins, spirituality, sweat, long slow frequent kisses, hugs, fuckin' & suckin', talks and walks, working out, the golden rule, my dog, masculine behavior, dancing, top and bottom. Christ consciousness, big dicks, relationship. Call ★★3996.

C'mon Tough Guy—Let's Rassle!

Experienced middleweight rasslin' animal, 5'8", 150#, muscular, bearded, hairy, tough and mean, loves to kick ass —looking for other studs into rough, dirty, punishing matches, no rules, no holds barred, no mercy. Fight to submission or KO. I've got mats, lots of pro gear, and a hot 5'10", 165# partner for tag-team bouts, parties. If you've got the guts, c'mon —let's meet, strip, fight! Call ★★3997.

Let's Get Serious While Having Fun

Honest, healthy, youthful 44, 5'7", 160 lbs, GWM. Interests include: concerts, ballet, theater, fine arts, cooking, occult, astrology, hot sex and porno. I work out regularly—not BB. Nonsmoker, light drinker, no drugs. Looking for an honest man 35-45 with similar interests, and build for a permanent monogamous relationship. Let's share romance, TLC, yellow roses, intimate dinners, intellectual conversations and a long life. Call ★★3998.

Fat Bottoms Wanted

Let this 5'11", 195 lb good-looking guy worship your fat body, the bigger the better. Respond soon, waiting for you. Don't forget your picture. PO Box 21084, Oakland 94620.

Dirty Rassiin'

Nothing beats a joist jocky for getting that tent erected in your apeedos. This friendly construction worker likes long hard play: from training sassy journeyboys to squaring off on the short hairs with experienced nut-pluckers. 100% healthy, safe action with limits carefully respected: 501s, c/b, t/t, boots, b/d, w/s, mud, BYO toys and more. Give a call or write The Boxholder, PO Box 19237, Oakland 94619 or call ★★3999.

Not Just Sex

GWM, mid-30s, tall, blond, beard, (look Scandinavian but actually Scotch-Irish stock from Tennessee!), great sense of humor. Enjoy conversing and writing. Would love to travel with the right man. Looking for fun-loving, older masculine man who is not -looking for instant love and sex. Dislike phony, pretentious types. Prefer someone in Peninsula area, but not exclusively. No curious ad veterans, please. Write PO Box 117572, Burlingame 94011, or call ★★4000.

Goodlooking Latin HIV+

Muscular, 5'8", 153 lbs, 30 yr old, very good looking. Interests: spirituality, travel, cooking, movies, psychology, dancing, nature, and more. You are equal in good looks, work out and are muscular, open minded, easygoing, interesting, don't smoke, drink heavily, or do drugs. Friendship and monogamy are important to both of us. Let's get together! Send photo and letter: PS, photo is very important, I'll return all photos. Thanks. Reply BT Box OC110A.

Handsome GWM Seeks Asian

Are you a handsome Asian who seeks a permanent, live-together, monogamous relationship? Who is single now and seriously wants to settle down with the right man? Who requires a GWM as a lover? Is younger (25-40) and looking for an active, manly, well-educated, mature GWM? Is highly sexed bottom/versatile Asian and looking for highly sexed top/versatile GWM? If so, let's meet. I'm 6'0", 169 lbs, brown/brown, aspiring writer; enjoy tennis, jogging, disco dancing, classical piano music, ocean beaches, movies (esp. comedies), being together with the love of my life. Reply BT Box OC111A. (Let's exchange photos/phone.)

Wanted: Furry Top Man

South Bay, affectionate, passionate GWM, 49, 6'2", 160, Brown/Hzl, healthy HIV+, manly bottom, smoker, toker, drinker, trim beard seeks furry top man for safe lustful encounters/friendship/relationship. Enjoy classical music, opera, travel, sports, gardening, cooking, candlelight dinners, entertaining, fireside cuddling, sharing quality time. Write with photo to Boxholder 1556 Halford Ave, #160, Santa Clara 95051.

GWM, HIV-, 29 is looking for spontaneity and adventure with another man. At 5'10", 140 lbs and in good shape, I am interested in exploring relationships, activities in the Bay Area. My lifestyle is basic and simple, but my interests are wide-ranging. Outdoor sports/activities, music, good food, leather, and travel are some of the interests I enjoy pursuing with others. If you are active, HIV-, adventurous, and in good shape, I would like to hear from you. All responses should include a photograph for a like response. Reply to 2215-R Market St., #473, SF 94114.

Bottoms Up

That's me. Hard and eager—that's you. East Bay GBM, masculine, almost 40, 5'4", 145, bubble butt needs verbal, seductive, single-minded top. Must relish being on top as much as I enjoy being bottom. Sex comes first, but don't be a Republican or a yuppie type, and be in reasonable shape. Safe only. Prefer HIV-. Reply BT Box OC112A or call ★★4001.

Monster Legs!

Come on, where's the guy I've been looking for in these ads for two months? The One with massive/muscular legs completely matted with hair! The One who knows they are his best feature, who always wears shorts, who is half in love with them himself—but wants to find One

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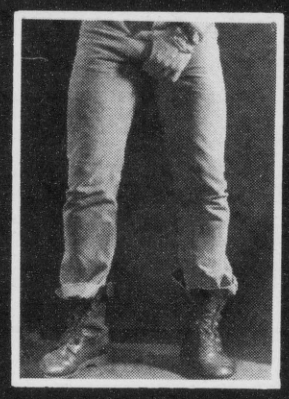

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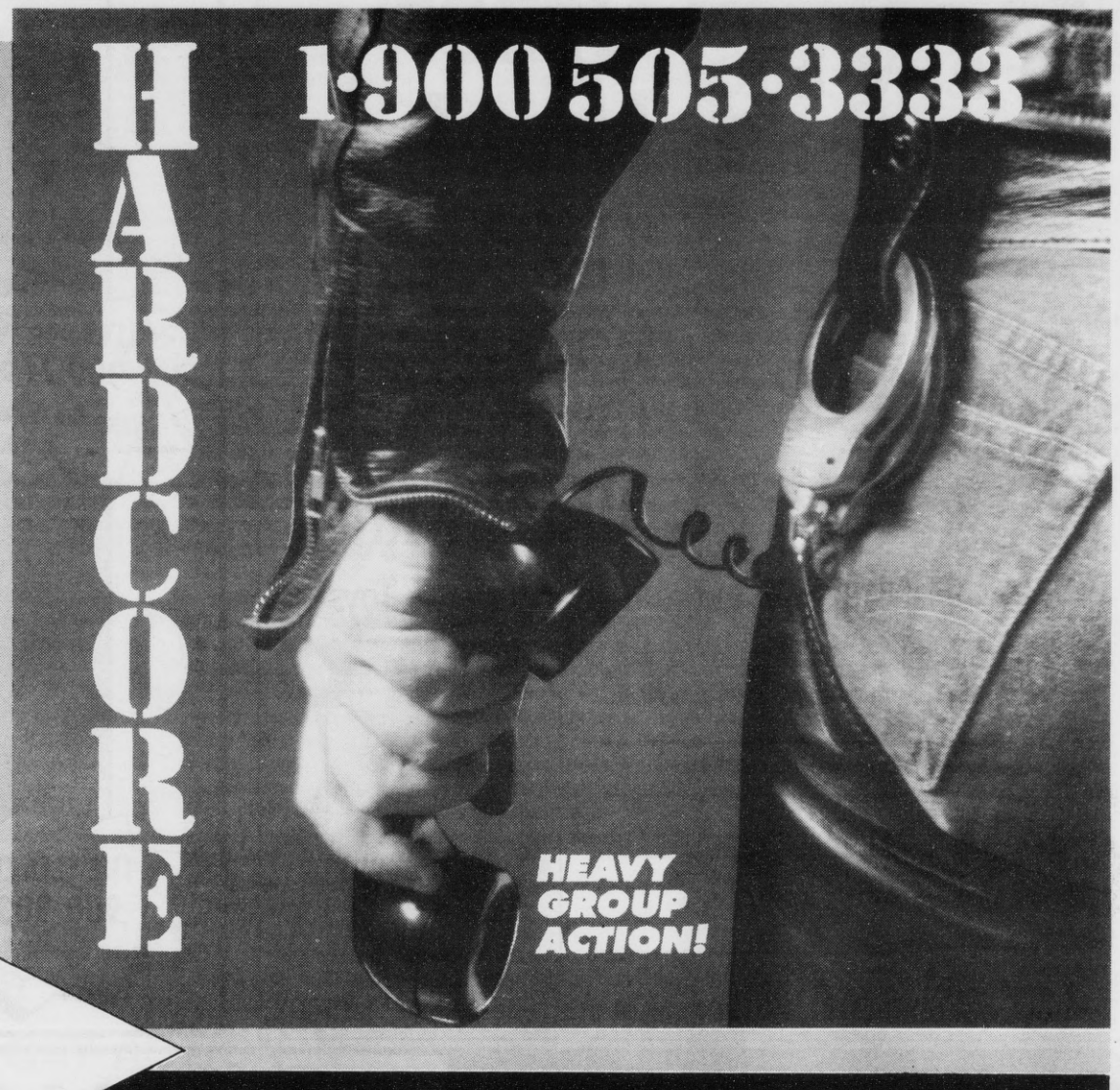

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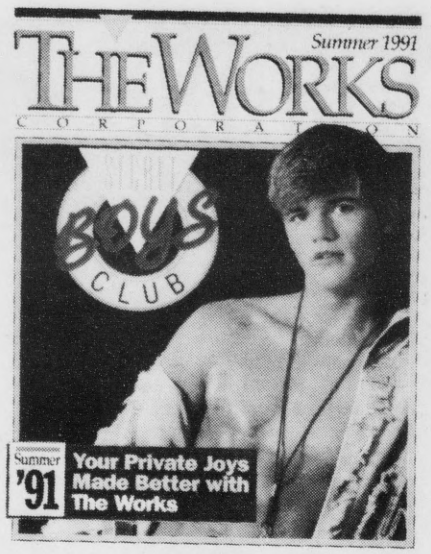

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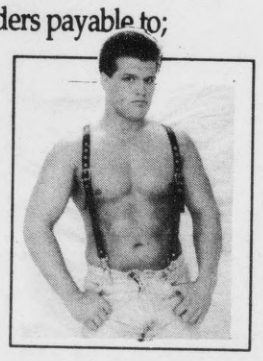

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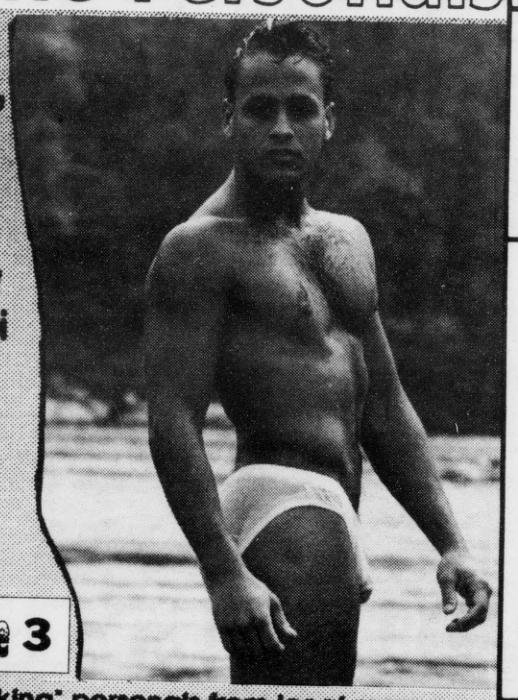

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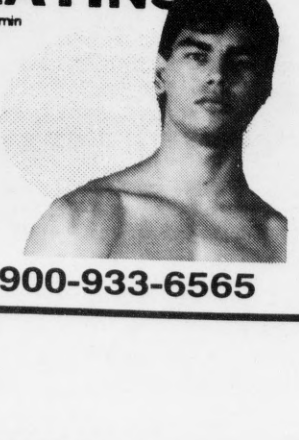

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Quite a Lot to Offer

This is the best time of my life, and I'd love to share it with a guy 25-35 who feels, thinks, cares and touches (in roughly that order), every day! I'm in my mid-40s, was born and educated in England, have worked in media and psychotherapy, now launching a venture which draws on both experiences. Physically: 5'7", 150, graying, cleanshaven, light body hair, angular Jewish looks, HIV-. Sexually oral. Non-drinker, etc. Strong spiritual interests, Eastern and Western. Sustained by laughter, trees, creative flights, the closeness of friends. If you're lean, under 5'10", and contemplating serious partnership, we really should talk. Call ★★4003.

Academic People Aren't Queer

In fact, they're interesting, though sometimes eccentric. This one is homosexual, however. That's not the same as queer. Profile: college library director, mid-40s, 5'10", average lbs, salt & pepper, Ital-Amer, witty without being obnoxious, affectionate as well as sexual (from holding hands to leather), HIV-. If you enjoy intelligent conversation, have a taste for museums and the symphony, like hanging out at home (yours or mine), hate bars, and if you're a bit younger than me, are open to friendship and maybe some romance, please drop a line. Reply BT Box OC113A or call ★★4004.

Hot, Cute & Vulnerable

Emotionally available stud, versatile, HIV+, 39 yrs, but really look 29. 5'9", brn/brn, Cauc., hung, cleancut, anxious to meet same who are hot and cute and who are seriously committed to trying to have a healthy, non-codependent relationship. You must be trim and in shape, gym goers are appreciated. Hopefully you are working on yourself growing as a feeling, communicative, vulnerable, compassionate person. Being open to change + the challenges of a relationship are foremost. Sex is hot, but not the most important thing. Photo apprec., but not req. Reply BT Box OC114A or call ★★4005.

GWM Seeks Asian

Young attractive GWM seeks GAM under 30 for relationship. I am 5'7", blond, HIV-. I enjoy working out, eating out, and many activities. I am looking to spend quality time with someone special, who is serious about a relationship. Let's talk. Call ★★4006.

Whatever Happened To Romance?

Very attractive GM Asian, 27, 5'9", 175 lbs, bodybuilder, would like to meet a good-looking gym-toned guy, 20-30 who is interested in sharing our life together and cherishing our love forever. I'm waiting for that special someone from the sea of love to sail with me from here to eternity. Call ★★4007.

Head Hunter

Sensual, mutual oral workouts with lean, friendly, masculine WM HIV-, 47, 5'6": city dweller. I've a smooth exercised washboard physique, handsome 7" cut cock & above average good looks: freckles, dark eyes and (thinning) hair. Bright, affectionate with an upbeat attitude and a goofy sense of humor. Seeking HIV- WM my age or younger, very well hung (8"+) in shape for recreation, possibly more. Especially hot for exhibitionists. Call ★★4008.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

Planning candelight dinner for 10-12 single gay men in private SF home Saturday, October 19. Send SASE with brief self-description for invite. Must be relationship-oriented between 30-40 years, healthy, weight proportionate to height, attractive, nonsmoker. PO Box 421557, SF 94102, or call ★★4009.

How Big is Your...

Heart? I'm a masc., intelligent, good-looking, emotionally available GWM looking for an easy-going guy with similar attributes who wants a buddy as well as a boyfriend. Sometimes sophisticated, but always down-to-earth, I have a variety of interests including travel, C&W dancing, restaurants, eating pizza in bed with a good movie, conversation, and friends. I'm 37 y.o., 6' tall, brn/brn, moust., swimmer's build, and HIV-. I hope that you will be at least 5'8" tall, 33-45 y.o., trim, and upbeat. (I expecially like hairy and/or daddy types, but you don't have to be!) Rest assured, replies will not be judged on artistic merit. Letter/photo (returned). Reply BT Box OC115A or call ★★4010.

I'll Give You My Best

I'm a powerful, masculine top, well-endowed, HIV-, —a major league lover. I'm the passionate, romantic, monogamous man you thought you might never meet. Intense love and security CAN come together in a committed, lifetime relationship. I may not be your first lover, but I know I can be the best one you've ever had and the last one you'll ever want. At this point in my life, I have a naturally muscular build, a successful professional career, a mature, optimistic, well-grounded and loving personality, and a stable but adventurous lifestyle. Are you looking for a quality man that has a comfortable, unpretentious way about him; someone who is a nonsmoker and free from substance abuse? Are you between 28 and 38 (I'm 41), HIV-, short or average in height (I'm 5'8", 155 lbs), with a personality that is inquisitive, energetic, playful, optimistic, goal oriented, and adventurous. You'll need to be adaptable enough to join me for a black tie evening on the town or a casual weekend in the country. In bed, you are active Greek-oriented bottom who appreciates a man who is romantic, affectionate and totally top. You can trust that I will return your love since I am a giver too. We've both been waiting for this connection so reply with a photo to 41 Sutter Street, Suite 1203, SF 94104, or call ★★4011.

Birthday Boy Hits 35

and wants to share it. Are you within five years of this historic mark? I'm a handsome, career-minded, and goal-oriented GWM, 5'9", 135 lbs, hazel eyes, brown hair, and into a healthy mind and body that includes working out, running, weekend cocktails and great cooking. I always enjoy good humor, theater, movies and quality time with friends. Now, let me get to know you. Call ★★4012.

A (Part-Time) Catch

I'm good-natured, sexy and horny. All is fine at home, but looking for a complement. If you saw me, you'd probably say "He's really cute... got a great smile and a nice body." I'm reliable, smart and a good listener. Been told I'm great in the bedroom. Enough said. I'm 36, 5'8" green eyes, brown hair, HIV-. Must be in good shape and not conceited. Call ★★4013.

Typeless

Although we're supposed to be strong and independent and secure enough not to need anyone to make us feel complete, here's a 44, 5'6", 140, mustached, hairy, not bad looking, HIV-, GWM (seve years single, two years sober, one year celibate) who could use some affirmation, thank you very much. Maybe I'm too selective or just confused about what I want, but something is definitely missing, and I think it's the right guy. I don't have a "type," but the thought of a gentle, masculine, affectionate man with an easy smile and a big heart makes me want to send flowers. I won't presume to tell you who you are, but you could write a letter and send a photo and let me know. Reply BT Box OC116A or call ★★4014.

Intelligent Signs of Life

Visually appealing GWM, 26, 5'9", 140 lbs. Art student/aesthete, good shoes, heart and mind, sometimes the dandy, emphatically not trendy or femme, fascist leanings, cynical, literate, seeks interesting/interested companion of independent thought, possibly multilingual, with appreciation of gigli, Austen, and demographics for both superior and dubious pursuits. Letter and photo are preferential and appreciated. Reply BT Box OC117A or call ★★4015.

Relationships Take Time

but the rewards are great. GWM, 36, 6', 165#, long hair, short and thinning in front, hairy chest, short beard, uncut, HIV-, nonsmoker, light drinker, smart, successful, romantic, affectionate, versatile, good kisser. I enjoy travel, home, gardening, nature, films, food, bonding. Seeking similar man, any race, near my age in reasonable shape, good hygiene, successful. Uncut a bonus, not required. Send letter and photo. Reply BT Box OC118A or call ★★4016.

Distinguished Yet Playful

I'm old enough to know that forty is not fatal, nor is gray hair. I understand the meaning of the word "family." I work hard in my teaching position at a local college, and at the Ph.D. program I'm enrolled in. I'm also young enough to laugh, to play, and to wonder at the way the universe guides our lives. Movies, walks, dining out, just talking, romance. In essence, falling in love. Photo and letter receive same. Reply BT Box OC119A.

Sailor Seeks Mate

GWM, 39, seeks adventurous young man to share a magical journey through life aboard a classic sailboat. No experience necessary, just a healthy body and the hunger to explore the world. I have found living on the water to be the perfect natural lifestyle. If you have an unfulfilled sense of adventure and the desire for a meaningful relationship, let me explain my dreams in person. I welcome you to share in the excitement. Boxholder, 1001 Bridgeway, Box 428, Sausalito 94965, or call ★★4017.

49er Fans

Masculine, bearded, straight-acting, good-looking, bi white male looking for bears or semi-bears to cuddle with while watching 49ers on TV or being discreet at Candlestick home games. I'm
HIV-, clean, healthy, nonsmoker. Get your ticket by sending facial photo and phone number to PO Box 722, Campbell 95009.

Christian Wanted

Good-looking GWM seeks other Christian GWM from 25-45 for possible monogamous relationship. Enjoy movies, theater, dining out, reading, quiet evenings at home, hiking, etc. I am 5'10", 148 lbs, black hair, green eyes, mustache. Prefer nonsmoker, non-drinker, no drugs, no S/M. Of course most important is our shared faith. I am a Pentecostal/charismatic minister so need someone who can handle that. Reply BT Box OC120A or call ★★4018.

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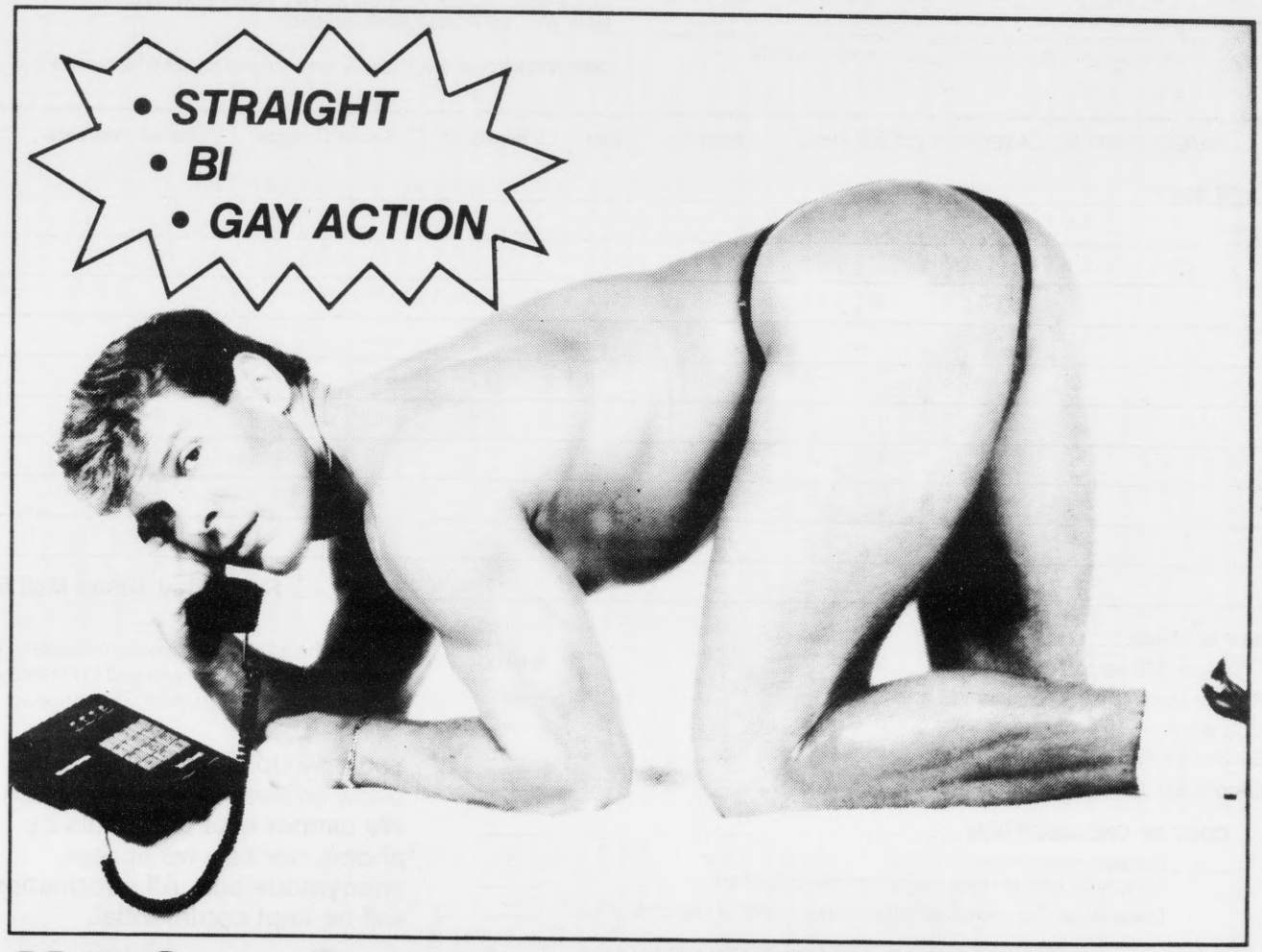

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Hot Safe Sex and More

Hot handsome GWM, GLM or GBM under 35 are sought by this attractive, romantic, warm, sincere, intelligent, successful, honest, slim, gym-built , nice legs, hard buns, tight ass, mostly bottom, HIV-, 120 lbs, 5'8", 28" waist, cute 30, GAM for fun, hot time, friendship or relationship if interested. You won't be disappointed. Welcome if you're new to the Asian world. Note and photo appreciated. Your photo (will be returned) gets mine. Reply BT Box OC122A.

Tall Blond Intellectual

Handsome and romantic. Seeking a friend who is cute, slender, smooth, perhaps Asian, who sees the world through his own eyes. I am into great food, jazz, dancing, climbing the cliffs at Land's End, watching videos late at night, having adventures. I am affectionate, loving, extremely passionate, HIV-. Call ★★4020.

Body & Soul?

All races 18-35, smooth (or?). Easygoing & sensual: moderate alcohol, videos/fantasies (Matt Ramsey, Kirk Cummings), but ready for more serious Friend/friends.... honesty, philosophy, "a Higher power?" Van Gogh, M.L.K., "quiet nights at home," music: jazz-pop-etc., sci-fi, The Far Side... I'm versatile: J/O, greek top OR oral A/P —100% Safe (ultrathin rubbers, flavored lube, etc.), GWM, 29, 5'9", 150#, hairy, cheanshaven, called good-looking. Letter AND photo to: J.D., 41 Sutter St., #1565, SF 94104.

Slim Latin Or Asian Wanted

Warm WM, young for 42, 6'2", 173 lbs, cleanshaven, blue eyes, brown hair, HIV-, seeks slim or skinny guy 19-35. I'm affectionate, good listener, mental health professional. Prefer warmhearted relationship-oriented guy, nonsmoker, who exercises and doesn't like bars. Ideally seeking lover; open to sincere friendship. Reply PO Box 210202, SF 94121-0202.

Asian Cuddle

Gay Asian male interested in meeting other Asians and Caucasians for friendship and/or romance. I am 21 yrs old, 5'7", 165 lbs, warm, sensitive and sincere with great passion for music, performing arts, and city life. Between the ages of 21 and 34 who value someones inner values more than the outer, knows how to have fun, affectionate, and looking for the same thing I am. Let's go and check each other out. Reply BT Box OC123A or call ★★4021.

Blue Eyes

WM, 30s, 5'9", 160, Brn/Brn, handsome, HIV-, hairy, top/versatile seeks WM, HIV-, 30s-40s, about 5'7" or 5'8", husky, hairy, blue-eyed, bottom/versatile for loving relationship. Enjoy the arts, outdoors, animals, children, spirituality, sensuality, discretion, humor, cuddling, food, and... you! Photo (returned) and letter to PO Box 20896, Oakland 94610, or call ★★4022.

Big Mac, One More Time!

Now pay attention, class: this is the last time we're going to go over this. I got a big dick shaped like a huge hamburger. I repeat—shaped like a hamburger! It's eight inches **wide** and one hefty inch **long**—yes, that's eight inches *across*—and it's flame-broiled and dripping grease and cheese, and it's waiting just for you! Call ★★4023.

The Pleasure of Your Company

GWM, 42 yrs, 5'9", 168, blue, balding, average build, employed, smoke and drug free, dependable, and with good sense of humor, seeks new friendships and possibly more from others in SF, Oakland, Dublin, Pleasanton areas. Has wide-range of interests —music, movies, gardening, quiet times, etc. If you are easy going and not expecting miracles, please respond w/photo and phone #. Reply BT Box OC124A or call ★★4024.

Lean Mean Caffeine Machine

Tall scrawny funny creative smart intense straight- appearing/fag-acting, HIV-, nonsmoking punk in mall-rat boy drag wants young weird outcast boyfriend for coffee, road trips, building things, hanging out and sex. (Inhale.) How about: sleeping tangled up, Burroughs, Fuller, Turing, movies, tools, zines, Coil, Cure, Smiths, Tragic Mulatto, modems, punk picnics, cafes? Reply BT Box OC125A.

Consider This

We are said to be very good-looking, are fairly smooth, slender & sexy, versatile, HIV- and uncut. We like music, dancing, laughter, fun & adventure, and can have wild times together, especially if we are also respectful and considerate. If you feel you are this way, I'd love to meet you. Call ★★4025.

Prince

I am a highly educated, successful, career - oriented Jewish professional. I am also handsome, HIV-, a nonsmoker, very youthful 44, 5'10", 165, athletic and muscular. My interests include symphony and opera, intense workouts at the gym, skiing in Aspen, savoring the beauty of a Pacific sunset, world travel, playing Mozart piano sonatas on my Steinway, and preparing delicious meals for my friends! I offer tremendous enthusiasm, a great sense of humor, as well as the capacity and desire to develop a long-term monogamous relationship. I am seeking a partner, 28 plus and very muscular who shares similar values and aspirations and who is ready to make his dream come true. Reply BT Box OC126A or call ★★4026.

I Like Boyish Types!

either in age (20-40), height (under 6 ft), outlook (optimistic), or charm. Prefer slim, versatile, attractive, Caucasian, cut, nonsmoker in SF, easy-going, with sense of humor, for fun times, possible relationship, dinner, movies, nite-clubbing, weekend excursions, etc. I'm GWM, 35, 5'9", 150, trim, dark blond, blue eyes, HIV-. Interests include music, art, food, camping, travel. Photo appreciated and returned. Reply BT Box OC127A or call ★★4027.

Hot Creative Action Required

by attractive 27 yr old GWM, 140 lbs, 5'7", dark hair, physically disabled but strong and active. Enjoy science fiction movies, dance clubs. Need safe sex and fun times, not a boyfriend. You are: also attractive, gay/bi, under 40, easy-going, friendly, sexually versatile, not dogmatic. Photo exchange a must. Please write to: 537 Jones #1623, SF 94102.

Uncut JO And/Or Massage Buddies Wanted

I am handsome, hairy chested, short, blond, 39, cut, in an open and stable relationship. I get a sensual and erotic charge rubbing uncut men the right way. Let's play! PO Box 14911, Berkeley 94701, or call ★★4028.

You're a Man

with LATIN Sensibilities; (French/Italian/Spanish), comfortable with your masculinity, secure in who you are, accomplished yet curious. You function in the dining room as well as the bedroom. You might be a bit Bohemian or a little Wall Street but you have dark hair and dark, sensitive, maybe moody, eyes. Hearth and home are very important but spontaneity might demand a need to get out of town immediately to regroup at ocean or mountains. A relationship means needing a man to be next to you in bed as well as the times of victory and failure. You have cultured tastes, but materialism and pretense aggravate and bore you. You're not impressed with acquisitions but more impressed with Truth, Sincerity, Sensitivity and Respect. You're health conscious but not a gym-dandy. You have a real grip on the reality of life in the gay ghetto because you've survived transition here. You're art and music literate, Aretha/Debussy/Sondheim/Nicks. You're 28-45, and by now you're slapping your knee and screaming at this ad. I'm 38 years young and I want to meet you. Write PO Box 194372, SF 94119, or call ★★4029.

SFMOMA - Friday, Sept. 27, 4 p.m.

We first spotted each other in the "Night Room" of the Robert Wilson exhibit. Remember? Then you waited for me in the exit hall by the video monitors, cruising my socks off. For the next half hour, in and around the galleries, we both played "hard to get." You disappeared; so I guess I won, unfortunately. No fair, art lover! I was just warming up, and we're not finished yet. Please call me. Call ★★4030.

Seeking Deep Queer

Eclectic, eccentric, extrovert QWM seeks QMs of some depth. I'm new to SF, and thought there'd be more to life here than the pretty boys I knew in the Midwest. Post-modern motorcycles, Derrida in black leather, leftist social judgment theory, Mozart at The Box, Dan Quayle in bondage gear, relief from boogie-butt at Uranus, and more coffee. Are you also a good-looking longhair? Bonus. A Castro clone? —YIKES! Write or call with our most recent bizarre MUNI experience. Tell me why.... Reply BT Box OC128A or call ★★4031.

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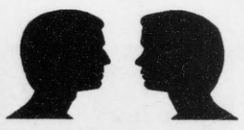

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Enterprises, Inc.
Computer Matching

"No matter who you are, there is someone for whom you are the perfect match."

- **Meet compatible men matched to your preferences.**
- **Effective, nonexclusive . . . inexpensive (only $2 per match).**
- **Two-way matching (matches must be your type and you theirs).**
- **Assured confidentiality and discreet mailings.**
- **Satisfaction guaranteed (or your money back).**

What is ComQuest?

ComQuest is gay California's new way to meet compatible guys. ComQuest's computer-based matching system enables you to meet men *from your area* who match *your* preferences (and you theirs) for age, race, personality, lifestyle, physical attributes, and interests.

ComQuest began providing gay matching services in 1982 and now has thousands of members in over 60 major cities.

How does it work?

ComQuest's matching sytem, using advanced computer technology, analyzes your detailed questionnaire responses (see reverse side of page) and compares each of your weighted "ideal match" descriptive responses with the corresponding "self" descriptive responses of all current members, and vice versa, keeping track of the members having the highest matching scores.

What does it cost, and what do I get?

We'll waive our $10 data entry fee if you send this form. Now for only **$20** you can get the contact information for the **10** men who are your best matches from our current pool of members in your area. Also, your contact information will be "listed" for three months (with free extensions) for other members to contact you (unless you leave Step 2 blank). You will know of these matches only when they contact you.

What if my matches don't work out?

ComQuest receives numerous letters from members who have found lovers or who are otherwise quite pleased with our service. However, *if you are not satisfied, you will receive a prompt refund of your membership fee.* (You have 30 days to notify us and return your match printout).

How long will it take?

We fill most orders within a week. If the difference between your postmark date and ours is more than 14 days, we will include an extra $5.00 credit voucher with your order, applicable to future orders. All correspondence from ComQuest is mailed in discreet envelopes.

OK, I'll try it. What do I do?

This is the hard part. But it can be fun, too. The questionnaire is on the other side of this page. Refer to the instructions to the right to complete Steps 3, 4, and 5. Read them carefully. If you don't follow the instructions we can't guarantee the results. If you need help call 1-708-991-0693 (9-5 CST, M-F). For additional application forms call 1-800-633-6969 (24 hours).

Send the completed form with $20 (plus $10 for each extra set of 5 matches) check or money order to:

ComQuest, PO Box 1069, Palatine, IL 60078

Questionnaire Instructions

Step 3 - Describe yourself by circling the word **me** beside each descriptive item which is a true description of yourself. You should circle at least one **me** under each category. Circle more than one **me** if appropriate.

Step 4 - Describe your ideal match by circling the word **veto, no, ok** or **yes** beside *each and every* item (including those by which you circled **me**) to indicate to what extent you would want that item to be true of your match. Circle *exactly one* of these responses per item, as described below:

Circle **yes** if you *prefer* that description to be true of your match. This is a vote *for* a trait—not a guarantee.

Circle **ok** if you *don't care* one way or the other. This is an *abstention*—no vote either way. Lines left blank are counted as **ok**.

Circle **no** if you *prefer* that description *not* to be true of your match. This is a vote *against*—not a disqualification. Treat it as a "maybe."

Circle **veto** if you want *no matches* with anyone for whom that description is true, even if they have other desirable qualities. This is a *disqualification* and is not affected by category rank. Treat it as an absolute "no." We recommend that you circle between 10 and 20 **vetos** to restrict age, race, residence, and other important traits of your matches.

Note: The use of vetoes restricts the number of members qualified to meet you. You are guaranteed the number of matches you order, but if you use too many vetoes you may get fewer matches than you ordered initially, in which case you will receive credit for the remaining matches. You can use the credit to alter your questionnaire and/or reorder matches anytime.

Step 5 - Rank the categories. The questionnaire is divided into 16 categories. To insure that your responses on the less important items won't override those on the more important items, you must indicate which categories are important to you. Using the blank to the left of each category heading, **either** . . .

Rank each category from 1 to 16 in its order of importance to you, with 1 as the most important and 16 as the least, using each rank once, **or** . . .

Put a check mark beside the *five* most important category headings, leaving the rest blank.

Note: Your matches will be based mostly upon the more important categories, with the less important ones serving only as tie breakers. Noes and yeses have very little effect in the lower ranked or unchecked categories. Some of your matches may have traits by which you circled **no**. However, **vetoes** are exclusive regardless of category rank.

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ComQuest™ Application Form (see instructions to the left)

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Step 1 - Confidential Mailing Address - Please *print* your name and mailing address below. This is only for our use in mailing you your matches, and is kept confidential. (Correspondence is mailed discreetly in plain envelopes.)

Name _____

Addr _____

City _____ St ___ Zip _____

Phone (___)_____ (optional)

I hereby affirm that I am at least 18 years of age and that I will hold neither ComQuest nor its agents liable for the accuracy of information provided or the behavior or health of the people I meet as a result of its services. (Signature is *required.*)

Signed _____ Date _____

Step 2 - Contact Information - This is the only information we provide to others about you. Please *print* the contact information below which will enable new applicants who get matched to you to contact you. This *must* include at least your first name and either a mailing address or phone number. Use only the space provided. Use some of the space to briefly describe yourself and your interests. If you do not wish for others to contact you, or if you live outside the areas listed in the Residence category below, cross out this section.

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A MESSAGE FROM

Mayor Art Agnos

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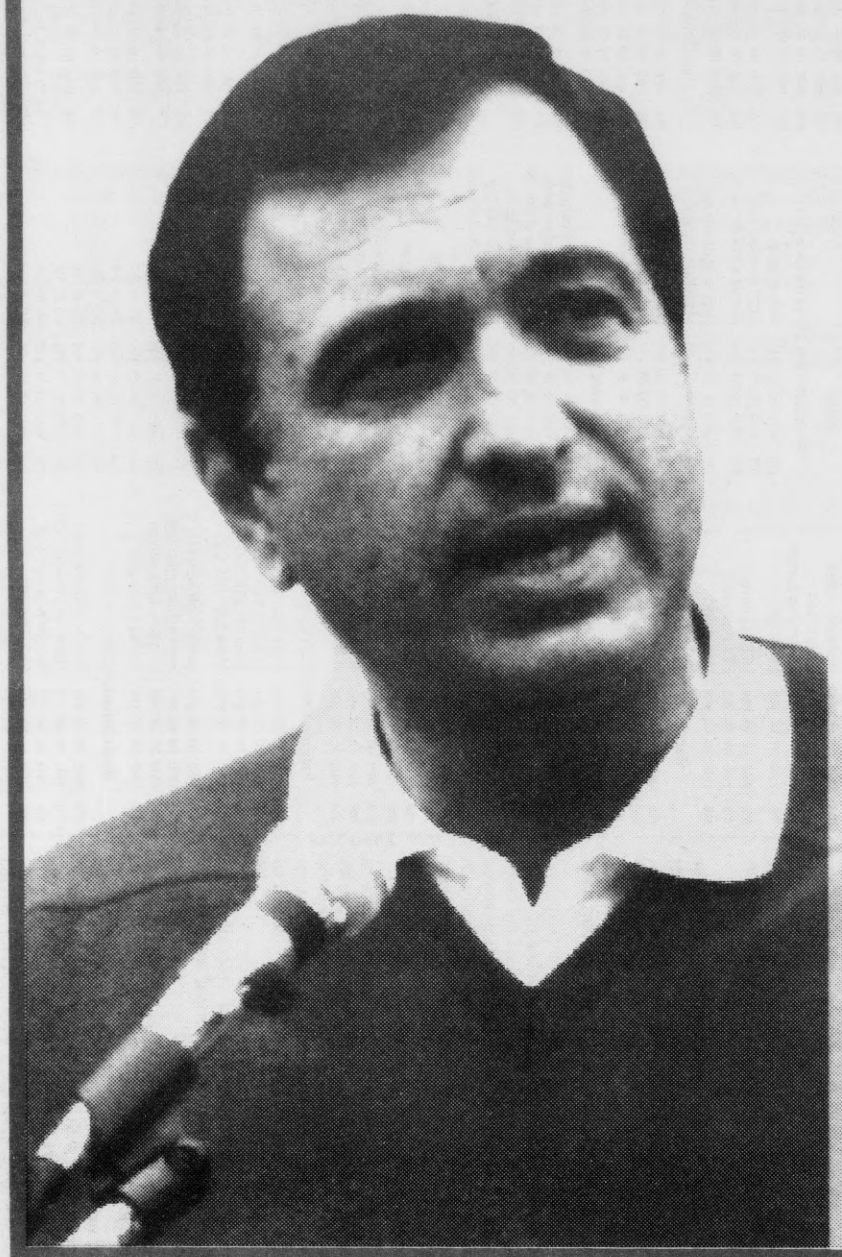

"I, too, am angry that Governor Wilson caved in to bigotry and vetoed AB-101.

I remember how disappointed I was in 1984 when Governor Deukmejian vetoed AB-1, the nearly identical bill I wrote to outlaw discrimination against gay men and lesbians.

While we've been stung by this recent setback, we must not lose sight of the solid gains we've made.

Since the mid-1970s, lesbians and gay men throughout California have worked hard to change minds. We've made powerful friends—and great progress.

Unfortunately, Governor Wilson listened only to the right wing extremists who have taken control of the Republican Party.

Despite setbacks, we've come a long way together.

- A recent poll shows that by 2 to 1, Californians wanted Governor Wilson to sign AB 101.
- We've picked up new support, from business organizations, religious leaders and newspaper editorial pages.
- Four states—Massachusetts, Hawaii, Connecticut and Wisconsin—now prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation.
- San Francisco now offers health benefits to domestic partners of City workers.

We still have much work to do and we can't let our anger stop or divert us from that task.

To the many people who have worked so many years with me from the time we first introduced this bill in 1977, I urge you to do as you've done so many times before, to keep faith with our purpose and work for a better day."

Art Agnos

CLEVE JONES
Former Art Agnos Assembly staff member

"I saw how hard Art Agnos worked to mobilize support statewide for AB-1, the first gay/lesbian rights bill approved by the Assembly and Senate. I saw how effective he was in tutoring lesbian and gay lobbyists as they became a powerful and respected force for the first time in Sacramento. I saw the bitter disappointment and anger on Art's face when Governor Deukmejian vetoed AB-1 in 1984, just as Governor Wilson vetoed AB-101 last week. Art's commitment to lesbian/gay rights is heartfelt and passionate."

ANNE KRONENBERG
Supervisor Harvey Milk's City Hall Aide

"I remember how proud Harvey Milk was when, a month after he became a Supervisor in 1978, he accepted Art Agnos's invitation to testify in Sacramento in support of AB-1, the statewide lesbian/gay rights bill Art had authored and introduced. Harvey understood the historical significance when Art introduced him to the Assembly as the first openly gay elected official in California, testifying in support of the first lesbian/gay rights bill."

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